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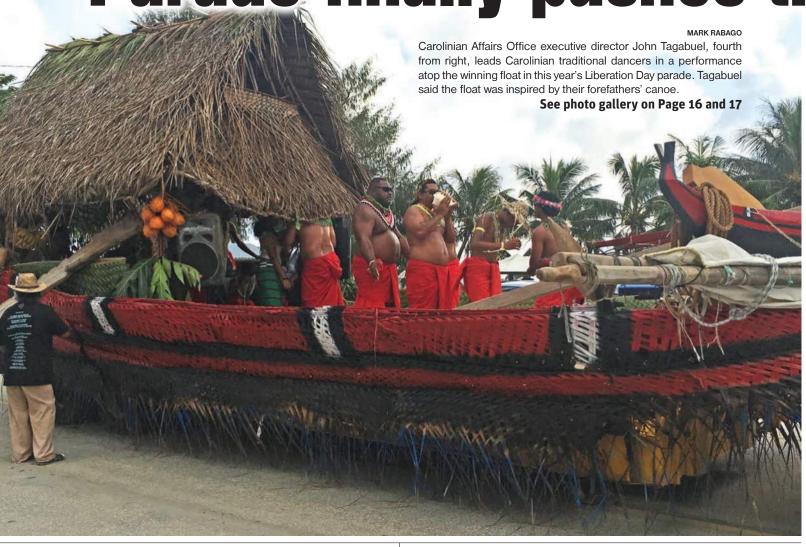
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Parade finally pushes through



DUE TO FAILURE TO GET LAWYER

Default judgment against owners and management of Dynasty recommended

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy has recommended to District Court designated

counsel Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to direct the clerk to enter a default judgment against the own-

ers and management of the defunct Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino in

connection with the law->> Court issued suit filed against them by numerous their former foreign workwarnings for ers or CW-1 employees. not hiring

In her report issued Thursday, Kennedy also recommended to Tydingco-Gatewood that the answers of

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Kilili thanks Torres for response

» Promises congratulations after raise in **NAP, ENAP benefits**

By ERWIN ENCINARES

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), in his response to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' accusations of using the Enhanced Nutritional Assistance Program and

political gain, instead thanked the governor for information regarding the programs.

In a letter released to Saipan Tri-

bune over the weekend, Sablan remained grateful to Torres even after the governor, in his fourpage letter in response to an earlier letter from Sablan asking to spend ENAP and NAP funding federal money, called out the delegate for using the

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fahimuddin489@gmail.com REPORTER

he long-awaited 2018 Liberation Day parade finally pushed through last Saturday after it was postponed from its Fourth of July original date due to the treacherous weather.

>> CAO wins **LibDay float** competition

This year's theme was "Sea to Shining Sea" and none exemplified it more than the Carolinian Affairs Office's entry to this year's float

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Finance bats for improved procedures

» CNMI cuts deficit by half

By JON PEREZ

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The CNMI Department of Finance has included in its fiscal year 2019 budget proposal to include new systems in order for them to improve inventory, collection, and other financial procedures.

The proposal, led by Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, is in connection with the recent independent

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) Ltd. celebrated with the CNMI community in the staging of the Fourth of July grand parade.

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Ryan Reynolds has made a triumphant return to San Diego Comic-Con Saturday to promote the release of a "Deadpool 2" extended cut.

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Local

By JON PEREZ

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United Airlines is again getting a lot of heat after several passengers from a flight that originated from Manila last Friday night had to endure an almost two-day trip in order to get back to Saipan.



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Passengers of Manila-Saipan flight cry foul

Saipan Tribune tried to get the side of United Airlines, but their press relations representative has yet to respond at press time.

Leigh Gases, one of the passengers of that delayed flight, posted a video on Facebook with the following message: "Our flight was delayed in Manila for two hours. Then delayed in Palau for 14 hours then delayed in Guam already 13 hours. We've been delayed for almost two days. We were supposed to be back on Saipan on the 21st."

"They also almost threw us out of the airport with nothing. Had we not speak up; we would probably be out in the streets until Aug. 2 as they said that's the next available flight. We have work that we're unable to show up because of the lack of preparation, consideration, planning, and human decency of United Airlines," added the clearly frustrated Gases.

Former Saipan senator Maria Frica Pangelinan, former Commonwealth Cancer Association board member Maggie Camacho, and Magdalena George were also among the over 50 passengers on the same flight.

Some of the passengers that got stuck in Guam had to spend twice their original airfarce after they decided to fly via Star Marianas just to get back to Saipan, as their United Airlines tickets could not be refunded.

UA 192 was originally bound for Manila-Koror-Guam late Friday night with the over 50 passengers making a connecting flight from the A.B. Won Pat International Airport to Saipan. The passengers were supposed to arrive Saturday but things got messed up.

First, their 9:45pm flight (UA 192) last Friday to Koror from Manila got delayed and the passengers boarded at 10pm and the plane left at 12am. The plane arrived in Koror at 4am.

UA 192 had to drop some passengers in Palau while also picking up others who were either going to Guam or had Saipan, CNMI as their final destination.

Gases told Saipan Tribune that United personnel in Koror had to inform them that they cancelled the flight to Guam because the crew's flying time had already expired.

"The good thing there was they gave us accommodations. They rescheduled us and we were supposed to leave Palau at 4pm (Saturday) but then got delayed again because we were deplaned due to a security check plus my seat was messed up. They double booked the seat along with three others," she said.

They were able to leave Palau at 6:20pm last Saturday and United's staff in Koror said that accommodations will be provided to them when they arrive in Guam since their flight to Saipan is scheduled for 7am Sunday.

"However, when we got here to Guam, the agents said they have no idea about our delayed flight. They told us that they don't have accommodations for room and food for us, and that we're on standby for the 7am (Sunday) flight. So we left to K-Mart to eat because we have not eaten dinner and we're starving."

United then provided them with complimentary rooms when they got back but they only slept for almost three hours since they had to go to

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the airport to make it to the 6:25am boarding time. That's when they found out that they were still not included to the 7am flight to Saipan.

Gases said that's when she decided to take a video when they were speaking to several United personnel in Guam. "We even have people with disabilities in wheelchairs and a minor with special needs traveling with his family."

Another passenger, who asked not to be named, told the same story adding that no United staff in Guam assisted them when they arrived. "When we approached the [airline] counter, they all looked lost saying that Palau United did not informed them about us."

"We patiently waited with our empty stomachs for someone to assist us and it took a while for them to give us answers with our questions. One agent said that they couldn't decide at the moment because no one is in charge."

The passenger added they got mixed up with other passengers who are making the connecting flight to Saipan See PASSENGERS on Next Page



YEARS

Senator introduced similar bill allowing PSS to hire foreigners

By ERWIN ENCINARES

A saipan Senator noted that he has introduced a similar bill after a House bill that seeks to allow the Public School System is referred to his committee.

Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan) noted in his comments for Saipan Tribune regarding Rep. Edwin Aldan's (R-Tinian) House Bill 20-130, which seeks to allow PSS to hire foreign STEM teachers. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Quitugua noted that his bill, Senate Bill 19-55, was intro-

duced in the 19th Legislature and received unanimous Senate support at the time, however the 19th House of Representatives did not act on it.

"Now the same bill was introduced and passed by the House as H.B. 20-130, HD1 and was referred to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Affairs," he said, adding that PSS and the Board of Education requested for such a bill. Quitugua is also the current chair of the Senate Education Committee.

Saipan Tribune learned of the duplicate bill after the Attorney General's Office issued an opinion on H.B. 20-130, as

cancelled but the plus side was they were given complimen-

They were finally informed in Guam, while waiting at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport, that they would leave at 4:55pm. They arrived at per the request of Quitugua's committee. Attorney General Edward Manibusan opined that H.B. 20-130, which seeks to repeal and reenact 3 CMC Sec. 2972 (b) (1) was "legally sufficient."

The same law also disallows PSS to hire non-foreign teachers.

"...This new legislation will repeal and reenact the aforementioned statute. If this bill becomes law, PSS shall exhaust all efforts in recruiting U.S. citizen and qualified green card holders before attempting to hire non-U.S. or green card holders," Quitugua told Saipan Tribune.

Quitugua noted that STEM

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is an unconventional means to teach science, technology, engineering, and math. Due to its correlation to one another, PSS, according to Quitugua integrates the subjects into a cohesive learning paradigm based on real-world application.

"What separates STEM from the traditional science and math education is the blended learning environment," said Quitugua, who is a former teacher. "Students practice computational thinking and focus om the realworld applications of problem solving," he added

The committee will discuss H.B. 20-130 in a future meeting.

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from Tokyo. The passenger said they were already complaining, especially the passengers from Guam, after their flight from Koror to Guam got tary rooms.

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DYNASTY

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Tinian Dynasty's owners and management—Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd. and Mega Stars Overseas Ltd.—to the lawsuit be stricken.

Kennedy said it is well established that "a corporation may appear in the federal courts only through licensed counsel."

In this case, Kennedy said, the court informed defendants on multiple occasions after the withdrawal of their lawyers both in 2016 and 2018, that they may face sanctions, including stricken answers and a default judgment, if they failed to obtain counsel.

"Yet no counsel has appeared to represent defendants since Jan. 16, 2018 when defendants' second counsel was permitted to withdraw from the case," Kennedy said.

Therefore, the magistrate judge said, the court may strike HKE and Mega Stars' answers and enter default based on

their failure to defend and failure to comply with the court's orders to obtain counsel.

Kennedy noted that the plaintiffs' (former workers) motion for default judgment does assert an amount of damages or include any evidence necessary for the court to determine the amount of damages for the entry of a final judgment.

Under Rule 72(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 72 4(b), Kennedy said, any objection to this report and recommendation must be in writing and filed with the clerk of court within 14 days.

She said appeals may have been waived due to the failure to file objections within the specified time.

Samuel Mok is counsel for Eric F. Dona and six other coplaintiffs. There are 15 named plaintiffs in this case.

In their lawsuit, Dona and co-plaintiffs alleged that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied to them about their immigration legal status.

Mok alleged that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied that the workers were legally authorized to work notwithstanding the denial of their CW-1 petitions.

In her report and recommendation issued Thursday, Kennedy said in this employment dispute, plaintiffs filed a complaint with claims of fraudulent concealment, negligent misrepresentation, constructive fraud, and wrongful termination, and seeks punitive damages.

Defendants HKE and Mega Stars retained counsel and answered the complaint on Oct. 26, 2015.

On Feb. 22, 2016, the court granted the motion to with-draw filed by defendants' counsel.

On March 17, 2016, Kennedy said, the court ordered that a corporation must be represented by counsel and ordered HKE and Mega Stars to appear at the next status conference with counsel or show cause as to why substitute legal counsel cannot be obtained.

On April 20, 2016, a corporate designee appeared at the status conference without counsel.

The court issued an order directing HKE and Mega Stars to appear with counsel on May 24, 2016. The judge then warned that in the event defendants appeared without counsel they must show cause why appropriate sanctions should not be imposed, including the possibility of having their respective answers stricken.

On May 19, 2016, second counsel, Daniel Guidotti, for defendants filed an appearance

After the parties engaged in some discovery and settlement negotiations, Kennedy said, HKE and Mega Stars' second counsel moved to withdraw on Jan. 3, 2018.

Although counsel for defendants appeared for the motion hearing on Jan. 10, 2018, a corporate representative of defendants failed to appear.

The court continued the hearing and issued a show-cause order.

On Jan. 16, 2018, Chun Wai Chan, a corporate representative of both defendants, appeared telephonically at the hearing on the motions to withdraw and to show cause.

During the hearing, the court granted defense counsel Daniel Guidotti's motion to withdraw and ordered defendants to obtain new counsel before the next status conference.

At that time, Kennedy said, the court told the defendants that corporations may appear in court only through an attorney and that failure to obtain counsel may result in sanctions, including the entry of a default judgment.

Defendants failed to obtain counsel by the next status conference on Jan. 30, 2018, and informed the court that they did not intend to obtain counsel because of financial inability.

Following the hearing, Kennedy said, the court issued an order requiring defendants to show cause as to why sanctions should not issue for failure to obtain counsel.

Chan filed a letter with the court citing financial inability to hire an attorney.

On April 27, 2018, plaintiffs filed the instant motion that asked the court to strike defendants' answers to the complaint and enter default and default judgment against HKE and Mega Stars in an amount of damages to be determined at a hearing.

Last February, Chan disclosed that the total outstanding liabilities of the owner of Tinian Dynasty has now climbed to over \$250 million, excluding the \$75 million in civil penalty assessed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN).

Chan revealed that HKE's outstanding liabilities is continuously increasing due to late payment penalties and interest.

Chan said Tinian Dynasty's casino operation stopped in August 2015, and when the hotel operation halted in March 2016 no more income could be generated since then.

KILILI

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programs as a "political tool."
"Your [Torres] very long reply contains the answer I was looking for: the surplus funds 'will likely be reduced drastically following the NAP-[Food and Nutrition Services] meetings schedule[d] to take place next month, where the FNS will make determinations on an increase to eligi-

bility benefits that will put us at or close to Guam eligibility levels," wrote Sablan in his July 19, 2018 letter, while citing Torres' July 18, 2018 letter to the delegate.

"This is welcome news to the thousands in the Marianas with incomes below the federal poverty line," said Sablan, noting that for a family of four, the poverty line is \$25,100 per annum

"I am sure these families would like to know exactly

who will qualify and when you plan to start using the millions of federal dollars you have to help them," continued Sablan in his letter.

Sablan in a June 12, 2018 letter noted that come 2021, the CNMI government would be sitting on \$10.1 million from the 2014 Agricultural Act. Torres in response, issued a four-page letter dated July 18, 2018, clarifying that the amount according to figures obtained from the U.S.

Department of Agriculture's FNS Western Regional Office, noted a surplus of \$5.9 million come 2021. The money was set aside for the NAP and ENAP.

Torres further noted that the \$5.9 million would be further whittled down when the NAP-FNS meetings, scheduled for August 2018, convenes. According to Torres' letter, the FNS would make determinations to increase eligibility benefits to benefits similar to Guam's.

Sablan's letter disregarded the rest of Torres' accusations of suddenly turning a new leaf after complimenting the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, which administers the NAP and ENAP program, in January 2018 and then calling them out on accusations of NAP and ENAP mismanagement soon after.

Sablan said that once Torres announces the raise in benefits after the FNS meetings in August 2018, he will "unhesitatingly congratulate" the governor as he did in January 2018, when the Torres administration announced a raise in benefits.

"It was only afterwards that I learned from Republican staff of the House Agriculture Committee—and then confirmed with the USDA—you had some \$20 million you were not using. That news made me press you for action," wrote Sablan.

PARADE

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CAO executive director John Tagabuel said the making of this year's winning float, which mimicked a traditional Carolinian canoe, was all a labor of love.

"The design was of a traditional Carolinian canoe. We made the entire float like a canoe with all the parts of it—the sail, the mast, the rudder, and cargo. We wove coconut leaves and hung them around the lowboy trailer in the form of a canoe and painted them like we do a traditional Carolinian canoe," he said.

Liberation Day organizing committee chair Joe Ayuyu Jr. said finishing second to CAO in the float competition was a

rare triple tie among the Department of Land and Natural Resources, TanHoldings, and San Vicente Lancheros.

DLNR's float featured a giant turtle, while those of TanHoldings and San Vicente Lancheros were inspired by King Neptune and traditional farming, grazing and fishing, respectively.

For the raffle, Paya Rasa won the grand prize of \$10,000.

Ayuyu said despite the delay of a couple weeks, the 2018 Liberation Day was a great success and thanked organizers and sponsors for their hard work and contributions.

"I think it's late but very successful. I am glad about the turnout and I am happy that everybody still came out and prepared their floats and everything looked very nice and it looks like people's spirits didn't deteriorate even though it was pushed back and I am very thankful. We stayed on track with the time today and thank the [Saipan] Mayor's Office and everybody who really helped out today," he said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres agreed with Ayuyu about the 2018 Liberation Day parade's success even though it was moved from its July 4 schedule.

"It is actually a great event and I apologize for moving it. I want to thank the chairman, Joe Ayuyu Jr., for moving it and making the right decision and it's Mother Nature, but we are celebrating it today and I am very happy a lot of people are out here," he said.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang also gave his perspective on the unintended belated celebration of Liberation Day.

"I think it's better late than never and it is good weather. Although, it is very hot but I prefer hot weather than a rainy day," he said.

The Liberation Day parade actually kicked off 30 minutes before its scheduled 3pm start time with the Young Guns motorcycle on the starting gate at the Ouartermaster Intersection.

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At the parade viewing stage right across the Garapan Fishing Base some 4 kilometers north, VIPs slowly filed in. Among those in attendance were Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor B Hocog, Apatang, Command Master Chief Patrick Ortega, House vice speaker Janet U. Maratita (R-Saipan), Rep. Alice S. Igitol (R-Saipan), Philippine honorary consul to the

CNMI Glicerio M. Arago, and Japan Consul Kinji Shinoda.

The CNMI color guard spearheaded the marching group section along with CNMI PSS JROTC. Later, the Young Guns returned to provide a gift to Torres. Also, 2018 Miss Marianas Celine Cabrera arrived to sit beside the VIPs. The marching groups that followed were the Man'amko King and Oueen and their royal court, the CNMI Senior Little League All-Star team, Northern Mariana Island Football Association, Japan Society of the Northern Marianas, Saipan Awaodori Team, Japan Domannaka, Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Micronesia), Inc., Rotary Club of Saipan, Kagman Elementary School Leliyal Akkabwung Common

Language Immersion Project, Marianas Rugby Club, Lion's Club International, CNMI National Rugby Team, Chinese Association of Saipan, Saipan Falun Dafa Association, Saipan Studio 29:11, and GLS Wasp.

As for the floats, the Office of the Governor started off the occasion, leading up to Lady Diann Torres Foundation, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Rehabilitation Office, Saipan Mayor's Office, Triple J Enterprises Inc., Tan-Holdings, Department of Land and Natural Resources, ACH Chuuk CNMI Association, United Filipino Organization, Longowesfischil Urul Faluw, Department of Corrections, Carolinian Affairs Office, San Vicente Lancheros, and the Liberation Day Royal Court.

FINANCE

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auditor's report by Doloitte & Touche LLC to the CNMI government, where it showed it cut down the deficit to more than half between FY 2016 and 2017.

Larson said they hope to

implement new procedures that would process documents more efficiently with the less manpower involved. "And to maintain records to include information such as federal award identification number, source of the property, title, percentage of federal participation, and use and condition of the property."

"The goal is a more efficient government and we are one step closer to getting there. This will improve the time and effort needed for central government to reconcile records with program managers because a physical inventory of FY 2017 will be coordinated with [said] program manager, and Division

of Procurement and Supply to address the finding."

She added establishing a cash management plan consolidated their policies and procedures for FY 2017 and it helped their department to sustain their efforts of improving compliance as seen in the 2017 audit report.

Larson said the casino

and gaming industry continues to be a factor in the economic progress the CNMI is experiencing now with the Saipan Amusement Fund having an excess revenue of \$16.7 over expenditures at the end of 2017 compared to audit findings for FY 2015 and 2016.

"We continue toward FY

2019 with a positive outlook, yet we remain conservative as FY 2018 presents areas where we must remain diligent and responsive to changes in the overall economy," Larson added.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

2 indicted over alleged CW1 scheme plead not guilty

The two owners of a company have entered a not guilty plea to the allegations that they engaged in fraud in the applications for CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program (CW1) permits.

At a hearing Thursday afternoon, Mizanur Khan, president and part owner of K.C.A. Corp., pleaded not guilty to four counts of fraud and misuse of visas and permits and two counts of mail fraud.

At a hearing Thursday morning, Kosuke Tomokiyo, vice president and part owner of K.C.A. Corp., pleaded asked the court to follow the quired him to observe a 6pm not guilty to one count of fraud and misuse of visas and permits.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona accepted Khan's not guilty plea, while U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather Kennedy accepted Tomokiyo's not guilty plea.

The jury trial for Khan and Tomokiyo will on Sept. 5 at 10am.

Colin Thompson, the courtappointed counsel for Khan, U.S. Probation Office's earlier recommendation, which release was with location monitoring and a curfew from 6pm to 6am.

After hearing from the prosecution and Manglona defense, Manglona denied assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley's motion to de-

tain Khan pending trial. Manglona ordered that Khan be released on his own personal recognizance and reto 6am curfew.

Manglona earlier ordered that Tomokiyo shall remain at liberty under his own personal recognizance.

According to the indictment, on

Aug. 5, 2015, Khan falsely represented to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that Kawsar Hamid, Monir Hossain, and Md. Abul Hossen, would be employed by K.C.A. as an "operation service worker (charcoal maker)" and that they would be employed in that capacity for 40 hours per week, for a period of one year.

On Aug. 22, 2016, Khan and Tomokiyo allegedly falsely represented to US-CIS that Tomokiyo had previously been and was

to be employed by K.C.A. as a "sales manager," and that Tomokiyo had been employed in that capacity since January 2016.

On June 6, 2015 and Aug. 22, 2016, Khan, for the purpose of executing the scheme allegedly delivered by the U.S. Postal Services and commercial interstate carrier DHL, respectively, several I-129CW petitions. (Ferdie de la Torre)



By ERWIN ENCINARES

The House of Representatives would be reviewing the Commonwealth Ports Authority's board of directors' compliance to the CNMI Constitution in terms of composition.



The House Judiciary and Governmental Operations chaired by Rep. Ivan Blanco (R-Saipan) last Thursday adopted a bill that amends the composition of the CPA board,

which currently allows board

members with expired terms to continue serving as a board member until Gov. Ralph

DLG Torres appoints a successor.

Sen. Justo Quitugua's (R-Saipan) Senate Bill 20-92, which amends the composition of the CPA board to comport with the Article III, Section

21 of the CNMI Constitution provides that, "Upon the expiration of the term of a member of a board or commission, such person shall cease to be a member unless reappointed in the manner prescribed by law."

The CPA board, according to 2 CMC § 2123, violates that provision by allowing previous members to continue serving as board members until Torres appoints a new CPA board member.

S.B. 20-92 deletes 2 CMC § 2123 in its entirety.

According to comments from the Office of the Attorney General on the bill, S.B. 20-92 is not unconstitutional.

The JGO adopted the bill for passage on the House floor in a future session unanimously without much discussion.





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Kilili: Marianas benefits in Interior spending bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. House of Representatives closed out the week with passage of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2019, containing major spending of importance to the Marianas. The House voted to continue the important change in the funding formula for water and sewer projects that has resulted in \$73 million for the Marianas since 2010. Also increased in the FY19 Interior bill is the Assistance to Territories fund, expected to be \$20.8 million. The Trump administration had recommended cutting this territory funding to \$14.7 million. Brown Tree Snake funding, diesel emission re-

ductions grants, and other key programs held steady.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) identified the water and sewer funds as critically important to the Marianas. "When I first came to Congress the Marianas only got about \$1 million annually for water infrastructure," he explained.

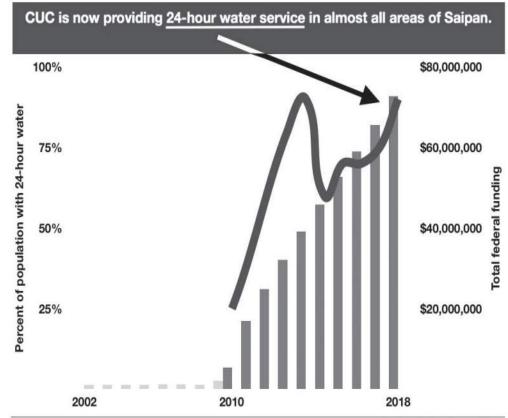
"So, changing the funding formulas was a priority for me, given the water situation on Saipan.

"And we succeeded. Last year, the Marianas got \$7.2 million. Next year, the House bill will give us a bit more. Since 2010, we have gotten \$73 million in total.

"That is \$73 million Marianas households and businesses saved on their CUC bills," the delegate added.

The big jump in funding is the result of a provision in spending bills since 2010 that increases the insular area setasides from the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. The statutory set-asides for these two programs are 0.28 percent and 0.33 percent, respectively. Since 2010, however, both have been increased to 1.5 percent.

"A small percentage but a huge difference, when you are looking at billion-dollar programs," Sablan explained. "We have to work every year, however, to keep that provision in the appropriation bill, otherwise the set-asides go back to the lower numbers."



Data from the Environmental Protection Agency shows total water infrastructure funding since 2009 and the corresponding change in water service to Saipan customers.

The money has made a difference. This month, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, which receives

the funds, said that 96 percent of Saipan now has water 24 hours a day. In 2009, when Sablan started, only 25 percent of Saipan had roundthe-clock water service.

"We all know what a difference it makes to quality of life to be able to turn on the tap and get water," Sablan said. "Now we have to get to the next stage: drinkable water."

Also included in the FY19 Interior appropriation is an expected \$20.8 million to the Interior Department Office of Insular Affairs for assistance to territories.

"This is the funding Congress provides for technical assistance grants and maintenance assistance grants to each insular government," Sablan explained.

Earlier this month, Interior announced \$2.3 million in these grants for the Marianas. The CNMI Department of Public Works was the biggest recipient with over \$1 million in technical assistance

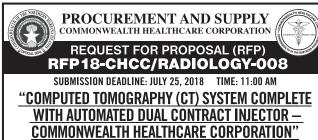
funding. The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the Office of Substance Abuse and Drug Rehabilitation, and the Rota Mayor's Office also received significant funds.

Congress also uses the Assistance to Territories line item to fund programs that benefit more than one insular area. Close Up and Junior State of America, which bring students from all the U.S. islands to study and learn on the mainland U.S., get much of their money this way. The Prior Service Trust Fund is another beneficiary. And training for island utility crews and programs conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School to train island financial managers are all underwritten in this way.

This week's House bill provides the same level of funding for territories as the Senate Interior Appropriations Committee has recommended for the coming fiscal year. Though line-item amounts in the two bills do not align exactly, total spending for insular area assistance is the same. So, it is likely that funding for brown tree snake control, the Coral Reef Initiative, Compact Impact, and the Empowering Insular Communities programs will remain at fiscal year 2018 levels. The Trump administration recommended cutting all these programs by \$14.43 million.

Diesel emissions reduction funds nationwide are set at \$100 million. Congressman Sablan included the Northern Mariana Islands in this program by provision of Section 2 of U.S. Public Law 111-364. (PR)

Technical Assistance Funds increased



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NWS: Tropics heating up with 5 tropical cyclones

The tropics are heating up with five tropical cyclones in the region, with the closest to the Marianas near Yap and Palau expected to become a tropical depression yesterday.

According to the U.S. Na-

tional Weather Service vesterday, the Marianas would experience showery weather and breezy winds last night through the next couple of days.

NWS said the disturbance will maintain the monsoonal flow over Yap and Palau for nawa) will continue toward several more days.

NWS expects that the tropics will remain active at least through the next two weeks.

NWS said Tropical Storm Ampil (northwest of Oki-

mainland China where it will meet its demise.

Tropical Depression 13W (north of the Philippines) will curve northeast then northwest, keeping generally east of Taiwan and well away from the Marianas. It could become a tropical storm in the coming days.

NWS said newly-upgraded Tropical Depression 14W (northwest of Wake Island) will remain weak as it heads north.

Near Vietnam is Tropical Depression Son-Tinh (11W), which will remain near southern China and well west of the Philippines, according to NWS. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Students from Chinese modeling school visit mayor's office



By FAHIM UDDIN

REPORTER

Students from Yi Xuan Show Model School in China stopped by the Saipan Mayor's Office last Thursday to meet Mayor David M. Apatang and further promote the flourishing student exchange program between Saipan and Chinese schools.

During the meeting, each student asked questions mainly on Saipan's lifestyle characteristics, history, and economy.

Discover Saipan interpreter Monique Kramer has been organizing Chinese group visits the previous four years.

She said the intent is to highlight the Chinese traditional customs as well as to learn Saipan's culture. By following this circumstance, she is always arranging summits for Chinese student batches.

In the group, sisters Grace

enced fashion models that are involved with the student exchange program.

Also in the group is Yi Xuan, a trainer of professional models in China Media University for almost 15 years.

After their questions, the group gave Apatang symbolic Chinese items, which the mayor gratefully accepted.

The models also performed in a fashion show last Thursday night at the Liberation Day grounds.





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Propst seeks 3rd term, ex-DOC chief files candidacy for House seat

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) and former Department of Corrections commissioner Lino Tenorio, both independents, have filed their candidacies for the House of Representatives under precinct 1.

Propst is seeking his third term for the House of Representative, while it is Tenorio's first attempt to join politics. They filed their candidacies at the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe Friday morning.

Propst and Tenorio were surrounded at CEC by former govempr Juan N. Babauta and Dr. Rita Sablan, along with some independent candidates, family members, supporters and friends.

Babauta and Sablan are running as independents for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, for the Nov. 6 general election.

Precinct 1 covers San Antonio, San Vicente, and Koblerville. There are six House seats for this precinct.

Propst said he is seeking a third term because he firmly believes that there's still a lot of work to be done.

"And I want to continue to be a public servant leader and a representative of the people, fighting for their best interests, ensuring that we're putting the peoples' interest first not special interests," Propst said.



Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) poses with former Gov. Juan N. Babauta and Dr. Rita Sablan, other independent candidates, family members, and supporters shortly after he filed Friday morning before the Commonwealth Election Commission his candidacy for the House of Representatives under precinct 1. Inset, surrounded by some family members, fellow candidates, and supporters, Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) files his candidacy before Commonwealth Election Commission staff.

The lawmaker vowed to continue to advocate for bills that benefit everyone rather than a few.

"I will continue to oppose special interests bills such as the 80 percent salary increase, a lavish salary increases for appointed officials while only giving our people literally pennies," he said.

Propst said the salary increases that they originally supported for the 5 percent, they are being told from several of civil service employees that they did not get the full 5 percent.

"All the more reason why we need to reject the 80 percent salary increase and that nobody, none of us, should take it especially during these times of uncertainty," he said.

On several independent candidates running this November election, Propst described it as "wonderful."

"I wish we can have more people run," said Propst, adding that that is why his bill that he pushed for actually support more people running.

"I actually pushed to minimize the mandated time that government employees will have to take leave so that they can run," he said, citing that it is one of the 17 bills that he

has been introduced so far.

For Tenorio, he is running because he wants to "make a change for the better."

Tenorio said first, he would be really supporting the Department of Public Safety in its overall view of how to go about providing public safety to the people in the community.

"If we, the Legislature, can

help support, give more funding to DPS, and DPS in turn can end up expanding their department and really revive programs that have been stagnant for many years," said Tenorio, who used to serve as DPS deputy commissioner for operations from 1994 to 1998.

Tenorio said he will support for additional funding to raise the salary of the police officers and to provide more trainings for them as well.

"I would like to see that there are going to be more commitment by the leaders to provide and revive community outreach programs to our children in the community," he said.

Tenorio said youth centers like in Dandan and Koblerville and maybe even in San Antonio have to be revisited and have to be revamped.

"Fixed up to the point where we can have somebody assigned to work over there. So the people in the community, from parish to children, the youth, can spend their time over there. They can bring in all their talents," he said.

Meanwhile, Alexander A. Apatang filed his candidacy last Thursday as a non-partisan for the Rota Municipal Council. He submitted his petition for nomination to CEC director Leilani Manglona. (Fedie De La Torre)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Procurement & Supply



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-18-024

REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF ENGINE # 8 AND # 4 FRAME, BLOCK & ALTERNATOR PARTS AT POWER PLANT **NO.1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the removal and relocation of Engine 8 and Engine No. 4 frame, block & alternator parts at Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition they will also be required to remove the coils from the stators and store them in a designated place. Both engines have been partially dismantled by the CUC plant personnel

CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract,

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration.

As this is a re-bid, a Pre-Bid Conference is not considered necessary; CUC will allow Site Visit based on pre-scheduled arrangements with CUC through email. Prospective Bidders who had not participated in the previous bid (CUC-IFB-18-020) are encouraged to visit the site for familiarizing the site

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-18-024: Removal and relocation of engines 8 and 4 at Power Plant No. 1", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 27, 2018, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms, Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 90 days

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract, Bidders are however expected to have experience and the required skill sets in similar work.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code,

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 16, 2018 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email — manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Project Manager — via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email christie.sa-

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-18-026

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE A BASIC LINEMAN TRAINING PROGRAM

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide a basic lineman training program for CUC, Power Transmission & Distribution Division.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-18-026, Basic Lineman Training Program" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than August 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The REP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to produce or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 31, 2018 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Lee Lieto, Power T&D Manager, via email address lee.lieto@cucgov.org, Roger Madriaga, Human Resource Training Coordinator, via email address roger.madriaga@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

> GARY P. CAMACHO **Executive Director**

MANUEL B. SABLAN. JR. Purchasing Administrator

OPA: Closure of marina hinders recommendations to DLNR

By ERWIN ENCINARES erwin_encinares@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The Office of the Public Auditor noted in a report to the Legislature that the closure of the Outer Cove Marina hinders audit recommendations of the office to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

In a July 2, 2018 letter addressed to Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan), House minority leader Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), Department of Finance Secretary Larissa C. Larson, and special assistant to the Office of Management and Budget Virginia C. Villagomez, OPA noted that DLNR has yet to satisfy recommendations regarding the enforcement of cove regulations.

DLNR was found in a previous audit report from OPA to not have properly assessed and collected all required fees and fines, and recommends that DLNR apply the appropriate berthing slip fees when billing tenants; assess and collect security deposits from all its tenants; assess and collect the proper delinquency fees; and revisit the regulation requirement pertaining to passenger departure fees and adopt a final decision on the matter.

"OPA recognizes that the closure of [the marina] has rendered this recommendation inapplicable at this time and will remain unresolved until circumstances at [the marina] enables OPA to make a detailed evaluation," OPA wrote in their report that was attached to their since late 2015.

July 2, 2018 letter.

The same comment was made in OPA's recommendation to have DLNR seeks assistance from the Office of the Attorney General for legal advice on the impoundment or removal of vessels if a lease is not approved and the appropriate payments have not been made.

The OPA found in a previous audit that DLNR was lacking in "enforcement activity" on the cove, making it easy for illegally berthed vessels to park in the cove.

With the cove still closed to this day, OPA deemed both recommendations as unresolved until the reopening of the cove allowed OPA to conduct an evaluation on the changes DLNR implements.

The cove has been closed

Parongan asserts plea of not guilty for reason of insanity

Alfonso Sebastian Parongan, a 56-year-old man accused of killing a woman and injuring her husband outside his home in Chalan Kanoa last October. has asserted, through his counsel, a plea of not guilty for reason of insanity.

Saipan Tribune learned that the mental evaluation report under seal. The Office of the Public Defender is counsel for the defendant.

The Office of the Attorney General wants to have Parongan evaluated by OAG mental expert.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho

for Parongan was filed in court ruled that pending OAG expert examination the matter is set for status conference on Sept. 5.

> OAG charged Parongan with first-degree murder, attempted second-degree murder, and assault with a dangerous weapon. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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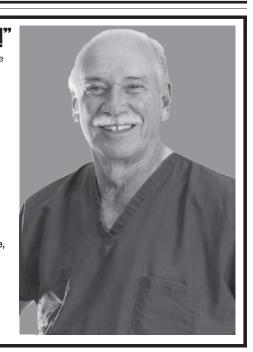
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EDITORIAL

Islamic State. Diminished, but still dangerous

ilence is golden, particularly when it involves the Islamic State. But silence can also be deceptive. It's true, the militant group that once threatened to establish a caliphate across Syria and Iraq has lost almost all of its territory. Thousands of IS fighters have been killed, as have many of its leaders.

But the Islamist militancy is a cancer that's hard to stop.

The New York Times recently reported that French and German authorities thwarted terrorist plots to carry out attacks using ricin, the poison made from castor beans. Islamic State militants are also relying on encrypted communications and bitcoin to evade intelligence agencies. And, the Times reported, Islamic extremists are appearing in places that up until now were not known as terrorist havens, like Mozambique and Congo.

Islamic State is also trying to make a comeback in Iraq, where it once controlled the northern city of Mosul. The Washington Post reported that Islamic State militants are responsible for a recent wave of bombings, kidnappings and assassinations in a remote section of central Iraq that have killed dozens of people, sparking fears of a new insurgency.

Early on in the rise of Islamic State, it became clear that the group's use of social media to inspire lone wolf attacks was just as much of a potent threat as were the chunks of territory it lay claim to throughout the Middle East. The group's footprint has been radically cut down, but its role as inspiration for mayhem and bloodshed hasn't.

"If you look across the globe, the cohesive nature of the enterprise for ISIS has been maintained," Russell Travers, acting head of the National Counterterrorism Center, told the Times. "The message continues to resonate with way too many people."

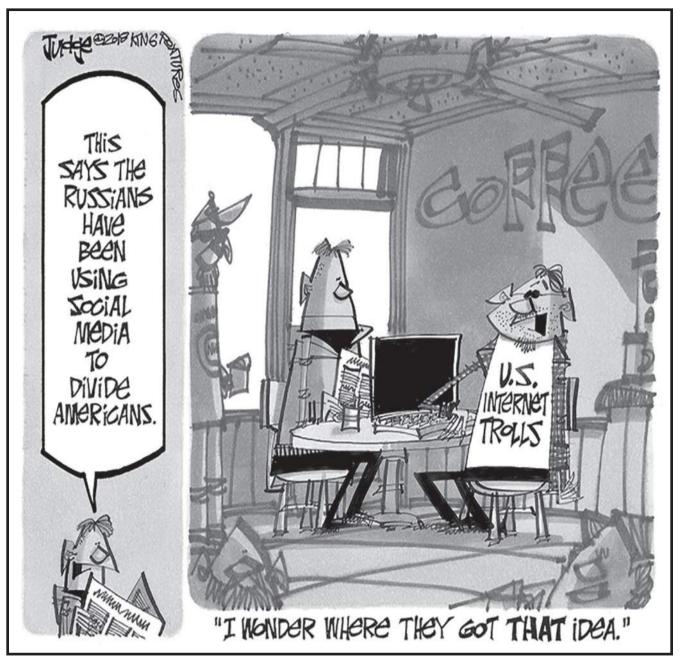
That's an observation that the Trump administration shouldn't ignore. And yet, Pentagon leaders have begun talking about cutting in half the number of American counterterrorism forces in Africa over the next three years. That could prove unwise. Africa remains a seedbed for Islamic extremism. Boko Haram in Nigeria. Al Shabab in Somalia. In Libya, Islamic State fighters who fled Syria and Iraq have sought refuge.

As it stands now, the Trump administration is neck-deep in foreign policy quandaries. President Donald Trump is licking his wounds from backlash to his disastrous summit with Vladimir Putin. The potential for denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula remains anyone's guess. The trade war with China continues its slow boil. And NATO continues to worry about relations with a president who questions the alliance's usefulness.

Each remains a top priority for American interests and Islamist militancy belongs on the same shelf. It's too early to file Islamic State in the "mission accomplished" drawer. Too many times the world has seen months go by without a word from terrorists — only to be broadsided by a sudden episode of carnage in Brussels, London, Manchester, Nice, Orlando or a host of other cities victimized by Islamic State-inspired attacks.

The best strategy against Islamic State is one that is preemptive rather than reactive. Remember where Islamic State

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How to tell if a president's words are treasonous

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few days ago, John Brennan, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, tweeted as follows: "Donald Trump's press conference performance in Helsinki rises to & exceeds the threshold of "high crimes & misdemeanors." It was nothing short of treasonous."

Tweets should not be expected to capture the nuances of constitutional law. But a lot of people have been reacting along Brennan's lines. It's important to put his comment in context. As it turns out, it contains a major mistake – but it also raises a legitimate question.

The Constitution states, "Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort." That is an exceedingly narrow definition. "Enemies" are nations with whom we are at war (whether declared or open).

The United States is not at war with Russia. People who are alarmed by President Trump's statements in Helsinki are of course entitled to use the word "treasonous" in the colloquial sense – but not in the constitutional sense.

The Constitution allows the president to be impeached and removed from office for "Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors." As the debates during the founding era make clear, egregious misconduct can count as a "high Crime and Misdemeanor" – even if it is not a violation of the criminal law.

During the constitutional convention, James Madison saw impeachment as a provision "for defending the Community agst. the incapacity, negligence or perfidy of the chief Magistrate." He added that the president "might pervert his administration into a scheme of peculation or oppression. He might betray his trust to foreign powers." It was clear that Madison believed these to be sufficient grounds for impeachment.

Gouverneur Morris, who originally opposed the idea of impeachment, added that the president should "be impeachable for treachery" (a broader concept than treason). He added, "Corrupting his electors, and incapacity were other causes of impeachment." His crucial, soaring words: "The people are the King."

Also at the convention, Edmund Randolph summarized the grounds for the impeachment clause: "The Executive will have great opportunitys of abusing his power."

In The Federalist, Alexander Hamilton similarly referred to 'the abuse or violation of some public trust." He argued that high crimes and misdemeanors "are of a nature which may with peculiar propriety be denominated POLITICAL, as they relate chiefly to injuries done immediately to society itself."

Importantly, the founding generation did not want impeachment to be a partisan affair, or a means of undoing the outcome of an election. They recognized the gravity of any effort to remove a sitting president. Consistent with their goals, we do well to adopt a firm principle of neutrality.

For those who think, with Brennan, that impeachment is worth contemplating, it is necessary to ask: Would you think the same thing, if you agreed with the president on matters of policy, and thought that he was doing a wonderful job?

For those who think that the very idea of impeachment is ridiculous, it is necessary to ask: Would you think the same thing, if you did not vote for the president, and thought that he was driving the nation into a ditch?

It is not easy to argue that a performance at a press conference, standing by itself, can be counted as a high crime or misdemeanor in the constitutional sense. But Brennan was right to be alarmed by Trump's shifting, ambivalent reactions to the findings of his own intelligence community; by his apparent deference to Vladimir Putin; by his obvious reluctance to condemn foreign interference in American elections by Russia.

It may not yet count as "perfidy" - but it's gotten uncomfortably close to that neighborhood.

Donald Trump is pushing Europe into Asia's embrace

ith friends like these, it's wise to look around for some new ones.

Donald Trump has called the EU a "foe" and advised British prime minister Theresa May to sue the rest of the bloc over Brexit. The U.S. president has already levied tariffs on European steel, and is threatening to do the same on lots of other products, including cars. So it's hardly a surprise that Europe's leaders are turning eastward in search of new allies.

This week, the EU has signed a landmark trade deal with Japan, known as JEFTA, which will make it easier for European food producers to sell their products into Japan while further opening up European markets to Japanese carmakers. There was also a rapprochement with Beijing. For the first time since 2015, the yearly EU-China summit ended with a joint statement, as well as limited progress toward a bilateral investment treaty.

The two events are, of course, hardly comparable. The deal between the EU and Japan is one of history's largest trade agreements. The two economic blocs have enjoyed strong political relations for years and share similar positions on trade. Conversely, the EU and China are at loggerheads on several important issues, such as China's buying into high-tech European companies and the huge public subsidies enjoyed by Chinese state-owned corporations.

That's one reason why Brussels has opposed the classification of China as a "market economy" at the World Trade Organization. Trade between China and the EU has risen sharply in the past two decades, but we're far from any meaningful new trade or investment deal.

Yet even small steps are meaningful in relations between powers, and this week tells us something important about Europe. For all the differences between the EU and China, Trump's bruising approach will encourage the mending of bridges between adversaries. The friendlier outcome from the EU-China summit shows this. For Japan and the EU, the motivation is even clearer. They had both negotiated, or were in the process of negotiating, a trade deal with the U.S. under the Obama administration before Trump decided to scupper both deals.

Of course, there's no certainty that any EU "Pivot to Asia" will actually succeed. The rise of anti-establishment governments, for example in Italy, is pushing the EU in a more protectionist direction. Italy's Five Star Movement wants the country to not ratify a trade agreement with Canada, even though it has for now — given its approval to the Japan deal. The risk is that Trump-style populists may oppose closer trading and investment relationships, especially with an expansionist China.

But the painful progress of Britain's exit from Europe shows the limits of nationalist simplicity on trade. Ahead of the refer-

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endum, supporters of the Leave campaign argued that one big advantage of quitting the EU would be the freedom to pursue more favorable trade deals around the world. Yet the irony of the Japan-EU agreement is that Britain will probably end up having to replicate the same terms to keep Tokyo happy, something it will be at pains to do given the importance of Nissan and Honda to the U.K. economy. So much for freedom.

We're still far from a realignment of the alliances that have dominated the post-World War Two era. Brexit may still not happen, or happen in a very diluted manner. The U.S. may return to multi-lateralism should a new president replace Trump. But the EU is right to spread its risks. As extraordinary as this may sound, Asia looks a safer bet than America at present.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tourist robberies

After seeing that video of the tourist lady getting hit by a car, I have been really curious on why someone chose to do such thing. I've read the first two articles about the hit-and-run, but both had no lead to why it was done. Until recently, the public was updated on why such a cruel action occurred.

I am writing to express how I feel toward this incident. Many people have this mentality of having or wanting to have money but not really how to make or earn the money. So it usually leads them to steal. Lately, most robbery cases have involved tourists. What good does that do to our community? Why do robbers usually attack our tourists? They may seem like the ones with the most money because they come here for pleasure, vacation, or maybe just to get away from where they live, but why would you leave the impression and prove to these people that Saipan is "the island of thieves" when their main purpose of vacation is for the beauty of the island.

It may not be their main purpose to hit the lady tourist, but why would someone really need to go to that extent just to get some "source of income" from the people who bring income to our islands? Our tourists bring the most income to our islands; the money that they spend on island eventually benefits us as a community. So stealing from them only means we would be stealing from ourselves.

We all need to take the time to help one another understand the importance of our tourists. One way or another, we would have experiences with them, but at the end of the day, they only help our island function.

Art Castillo

Koblerville

Unimplemented laws

This is in response to Jon Perez article (Local GOP has no more vision, *Saipan Tribune*, July 17, 2018) where he quoted the Democratic Party central executive committee resolution, "Although [Babauta] was first elected governor as a Republican, he since has parted ways with the Republican Party (which in recent years has degenerated to historic lows of arrogance, abuse of power, absence of principle or vision, and the politics of self-aggrandizement over service) and has made it clear he has no intention to ever return to the Republican Party."

There are many examples that such statement above is very true within the present administration. Public Law 20-37 is a prime example of the arrogance of this administration. The statute was signed into public law on Jan. 18, 2018 and there was a provision that the CNMI Department of Public Safety is tasked to implement it within 90 days after it becomes public law. But in May of this year, I personally inquired to register my vehicle as a disabled veteran base on CNMI Public Law 20-37 and I was told that such privileges given to our disabled veterans via the newly created statute was not in effect. Recently I went to the CNMI Bureau of Motor Vehicle, I asked for the codified Public Law 20-37 (9 CMC Subsection 2116) status and the clerk didn't have a clue. I called BMV to speak to the director on numerous occasions and she didn't bother to return my call or try to resolve my concern as a private citizen.

I encourage all United States Armed Forces Disabled Veterans throughout the CNMI to exercise their privileges and put a stop to this type of mindsets within our CNMI government.

Segundo Castro

Marpo Valley, Tinian

Racism in the CNMI

Racism is alive and well in the CNMI. It is a common problem that has been around for decades, and doesn't appear to be going away anytime soon. As a student, I have seen how widespread racism is in schools. Racist remarks and actions can be heard and seen everywhere. Students often imitate languages, call each other names based of race, and use racial slurs and stereotypes in real life and over social media. Schools and parents should take more action against this behavior, because while some students may take their behavior as a joke, racism is never truly acceptable.

People should learn to treat each other with respect regardless of race. Race should not affect how a person sees another person. The judgment of people is natural but the judgment should be done based on a person's behavior, not his or her race. Also, people should learn to stop assuming that an entire race acts a certain way because of their experiences with one person from a race. One person can't represent an entire race.

While racism is not a problem that can be fixed immediately, there are ways to alleviate some racism. I suggest that parents teach their children to treat other people well, regardless of race. Also, the children should be educated on racism in the past and present, and why it should be stopped. They could study the works of people who have contributed to stopping racism and the history of their countries, such as Nelson Mandela and the history of South Africa.

Rio Ayu Shadow

Saipan Southern High School student

Keep the distance

In August of 2016, an article was written by Erwin Encinares entitled, "MVA agrees on sanctions for tourists violating traffic laws." Tourist or not, anyone who violates traffic laws can "create potentially dangerous situations." It will only take time for tourists to better understand the way our traffic laws on island work. Let's face it if we were to go to their country, we would probably end up doing the same thing.

There are better ways to address this situation rather than having to sanction someone new to the island. Perhaps putting up signs that they are able to understand and giving tour guides to those who are renting a rental car, may lessen the confusion between the tourists and our traffic laws. I personally suggest that we not only look out for tourists on the road, but one another. Keep the distance required by law just to be safe.

"The new racism is to deny that racism exists."—Unknown

Madison Duenas

Kagman High School

Racism

I, too, believe that racism is a part of our society. On our island, we are constantly reminded as to what our ethnicity is and whose is more superior. There is not much we can do to deter racism in our society and local communities because too much of it goes unnoticed and ignored. Disregard for these types of issues can consequently lead to many acts of violence, criticism, and bullying. In order to halt the spread of this issue, we must immediately step up at the very moment we notice the occurrence of racism. We cannot forcibly change a person's opinions, but we, ourselves, can set an example. We must be the start to a change and be the first to realize that a person's ethnicity or race does not matter and judge a person only by character and actions. I truly do hope that in doing so, racism will become a thing of the past.

Tricia Mae Roque

Koblerville

Racism is wrong no matter what

I would like to offer some advice to our community. As a student of the CNMI, I would like to direct your attention to racism happening here on our island. Although racism in Saipan is subtle compared to other countries, it is still a serious problem in our community.

Racism on the island often occurs through inappropriate jokes, social media, and foul language. People regard these racial comments as though it is "not a big deal." However, racism whether big or small can hurt other people. Just because the problem is small, it does not mean that there is no problem at all.

Racism has always been a major problem in the world. Many social groups protested for racial freedom. For example, Nelson Mandela, the first black president of South Africa, fought his whole life for freedom from apartheid. He wanted to prove that men are equal no matter his race, color, or background.

Although racism will always exist in the world, it can be reduced. I suggest that all schools strive to plant a sense of respect for others in their students. One way is by banning the use of crude language toward other students. If students learn to treat others the way they want to be treated, racism will be reduced greatly.

Racism is wrong no matter what because all people are equal. No one is greater than another. Therefore, all citizens of the CNMI should do all they can to remove racism from our home.

Yumin Ahn

Via email

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From Page 10

came from. It rose up in 2013 from the remnants of al-Qaida in Iraq, a terrorist group whose defeat was roundly hailed by the West as a crushing blow to Islamist militancy. Trump's predecessor, Barack Obama, initially underestimated Islamic State's potential; the current administration shouldn't underestimate the group's resiliency and adaptability now.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN



25 mph. **▲**86° ▼76°

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and

▲ 86° **▼**76°

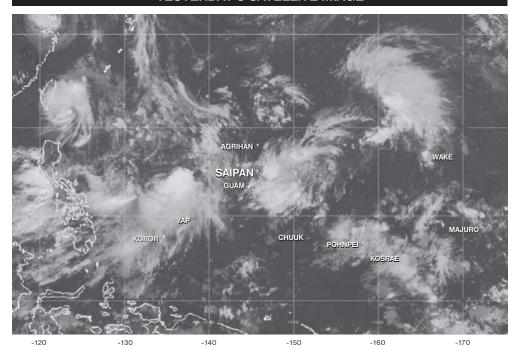
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:13 AM, SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Two developing disturbances, one west of the Marianas and the other well northeast, are evident on satellite. Another area of showers and thunderstorms is seen along the monsoon trough to the east of the islands. Partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and gentle to moderate winds prevail over the area. Latest buoy reports show seas between 3 and 5 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorm	85° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	87° / 76°
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Auckland	Showers	55° / 45°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	90° / 75°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	88° / 82°
Honolulu	Thunderstorm	88° / 77°
London	Mostly Sunny	86° / 63°
Los Angeles	Sunny	88° / 70°
Manila	Thunderstorm	82° / 77°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	61° / 46°
Miami	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°
New York	Thunderstorm	82° / 75°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	97° / 79°
Paris	Sunny	84° / 64°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	90° / 79°
Rome	Sunny	88° / 68°
Salem	Thunderstorm	89° / 71°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	69° / 57°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	93° / 73°
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	97° / 81°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	87° / 72°



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10:58 PM	LOW TIDE	1.17

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SAIPAN-S	SEOUL (IC	CN)		SEOUL	(ICN)-SAIP	AN	
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
0Z626	2:10am	6:00am	1	0Z625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
0Z626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	0Z625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

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JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1		JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4	
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FERDIE DE LA TORR

Sheila Jack Babauta poses with former governor Juan N. Babauta, Dr. Rita Sablan, other independent candidates, family members, friends, and supporters outside the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe shortly after she filed her candidacy last Thursday morning as an independent for House of Representatives under precinct 4.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Sheila Jack Babauta hands over to Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Julita Villagomez last Thursday her petition for nomination and candidacy as an independent for House of Representatives under precinct 4. She was accompanied by former governor Juan N. Babauta, Dr. Rita Sablan, family members, friends, and supporters.

Former governor says niece eager to serve community

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie, delatorre@sainantribune.com

Former governor Juan N. Babauta said his niece, Sheila Therese Jack Babauta, has always been keen to serving the community.

The younger Babauta filed her candidacy as an independent for House of Representatives under precinct 4 last Thursday at the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Precinct 4 covers Tanapag, San Roque, Capitol Hill, and Northern Islands.

The former governor said as a young child her niece went to school in Hawaii and came back.

"She's so eager to come back and be part of the community. She's been trying to figure out how she can play a larger role in the community," Juan N. Babauta said.

He said Sheila finally decided that running for public office is probably a way that she can play that role.

"And here she is today accompanied by a lot of supporters, family members and friends. I'm very happy for her. I'm just so eager to see her serve the people," the former governor said.

Sheila, a director of the Marianas Young Professionals, submitted her petition for nomination surrounded by her uncle, his gubernatorial running mate Dr. Rita Sablan, other independent candidates, family members, and supporters.

Juan Babauta and Sablan are also running as independents for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively.

Sheila Babauta, in an interview after filing her candidacy, said after returning home, she has been serving the community and that now she feels that it's time that she can serve on a larger platform and really

help the community that way.

"I can't wait to serve the people, serve the community," she said.

Sheila Babauta thanked everyone for their enthusiasm, support, and encouragement.

"It means a lot throughout this journey and I am really excited. I am more excited than anything this coming election," she said.

Sheila Babauta said she is really pro-residents and that her campaign and platform is based on the values of Respect, Integrity, Service, and Empowerment (RISE).

"Respect for our land, culture, and community through planned development," she said.

Sheila Babauta said "I" stands for Integrity through transparent, regular, and accessible communication.

"Service through opportunities for our village residents that strengthen community relationships and the heart of our villages," she said.

Babauta said "E" is for Empowerment through education that supports the youth, health and well-being, small business, and higher education programs.

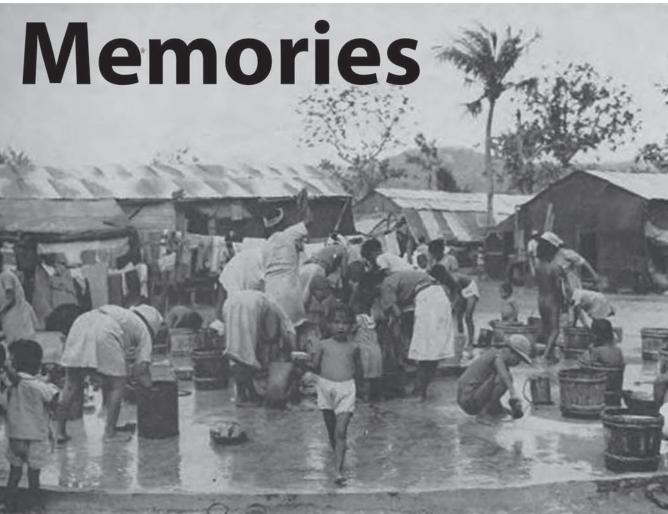
"I'm young. I'm educated. I'm proactive. And I'm a woman," said the 29-year Sheila Babauta, adding that all such qualifications are needed on Capitol Hill as that she feels she can make positive contributions

"It is time we take responsibility and do our part to contribute to a better CNMI. It is time to RISE together," she said.

Sheila Babauta has a fundraiser on Aug. 4 at Aqua Resort.

"So we're inviting everyone go come out. It's gonna be a fun time," she said.

Sheila Babauta is a former contracting officer's technical representative with the CIP/ Office of the Governor.



Of Camp Susupe & Chalan Kanoa



Do you or a family member have a story, object, or photo from the camps? We'd love to record it so that it may be saved for generations to

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IPI celebrates with CNMI community unforgettable LibDay parade

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) Ltd. celebrated with the CNMI community in the staging of the Fourth of July grand parade last Saturday and, once again, helped make it an unforgettable community celebration. The parade was originally

scheduled last July 4 but had to be rescheduled following bad weather.

Imperial Pacific's grand float reflected this year's Liberation Day theme, "Sea to Shining Sea." It was beautifully decorated with fresh flowers and handmade

decorations showcasing the bounty and the beauty of the ocean. Live performance from the famed Simiyan Marianas Dance Group was also an added attraction.

Imperial Pacific's employees also joined the parade. (PR)



Senior vice president-Special Project Viola Alepuyo, general counsel Philip Tydingco, vice president-VIP Client Services Henan Ma, and chief executive officer Henry Cheang pose with the famed Simiyan Marianas cultural dancers.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang are flanked by Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC general counsel Philip Tydingco, first left; chief executive officer Henry Cheang, second left; vice president-VIP Client Services Henan Ma, third left, and senior vice president-Special Projects Viola Alepuyo, right.



The famed Simiyan Marianas cultural dancers perform on the grand

float of Imperial Pacific International.



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INVITATION FOR BID

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BID SUBMISSION DATE: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 Tuesday, August 07, 2018

NMHC IFB 2018-008

Repair and Renovation of the Division of **Youth Services (DYS) Shelter**

Bid packets will be available on June 20, 2018, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by Cash, Credit Card, Money Order, Cashier's Check, and Certified Check payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

The provisions of the CNMI Procurement regulations, NMIAC 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on July 10, 2018, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan. Only those individuals who have paid the bid packet fee are allowed to attend the pre-bid meeting. All questions regarding this IFB must be submitted in writing to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, Saipan, fax to (670)234-9021, email at jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp, no later than 10 a.m., July 09, 2018. Response to questions shall be shared with all bidders.

For more information, contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Acting Office Manager, at (670)234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/ Aubry Hocog NMHC Board of Directors

/s/ Herman S. Sablan Director. Division of Procurement & Supply



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Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building. Public attendance is welcome. The order of business of the Board, unless changed by the majority vote of its members, shall be as follows:

AGENDA*

- I. Preliminary Matters
 - Call to Order Roll Call

 - option of Minutes
 March 6 & April 21, 2018 Regular Board Meetings
 May 9 & May 16, 2018 Regular Board Meetings
 June 7 & June 8, 2018 Personnel Committee Meetings
 June 12, 2018 Special Board Meeting
 - June 21, 2018 Regular Board Meetin
- E. Correspondence
- II. Public Comments**
- III. Chairwoman's Annual Report
- IV. Executive Director's Annual Report
- V. Financial and Budget Reports

- Old Business
 A. CUC-CPA Settlement Agreement
 B. CUC-CHCC Intergovernmental Net Metering Cooperative Agreement
- VII. New Business A. Quarterly Board Meetings
- VII. Executive Session* * *
- VIII. Adjournment
- Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting. Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to thre
- Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Committee members may vote to meet in executive session at any time

Imperial Pacific International executives and employees pose with the grand parade float.



Imperial Pacific International executives and employees are greeted by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, and 2018 CNMI Liberation festivities officials during the grand parade.



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Pursuant to P. L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph Torres and Lt. Governor Victor Hocog, through the Board of Professional Licensing (BPL) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its board meeting on **July 25, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.** on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Board's office at Bldg. #1242, Pohnpei Ct., Capitol Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA

- Meeting Call to Order
- **Determination of Quorum** Election of Officers
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- IX. Investigator's Report
- Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
 - Governor's Office
- Legislature XI. Old Business
 - Notice of Certification for Proposed Amendments to the Regulations for Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects (For Board review)
- **New Business**
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legal matters.

- **Executive Session:** The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with counsel with pending or anticipated
- XVI. Announcements Next Meeting Date
 - Adjournment of Meeting

7 UOG students receive RCUOG travel awards

students received Research Corporation of the University of Guam (RCUOG) travel awards for education-related travel occurring through Dec. 31. The recipients will travel to Palau, the Philippines, Texas, and England to present their research projects, lead workshops, and enhance their academic experiences.

Melissa Gabriel, a graduate student pursuing her master's degree in biology, will present her research at the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/ Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) conference in San Antonio, Texas. Her thesis research focuses on the response of a specific type of coral to environmental stressors.

Elizabeth Rutun's research paper was accepted for presentation at the 23rd Pacific History Association Conference, which will be held in early December at the Royal Academy of the Arts and the University of Cambridge in London, England. Rutun, who is pursuing her master's degree in English, will present her research on traditional Yapese dance as narrative and marker of change and adaption as part of a panel presentation led by Dr. Evelyn Flores.

Mylisa Gillan will represent UOG at the Inter-Collegiate Finance Competition in



Manila, Philippines this fall. Gillan is a senior pursing her Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in finance and economics. Along with her teammates, she will compete against 20 other universities on a series of finance-related topics. The competition helps prepare students to take the Chartered Financial Analyst Level 1 and Chartered Management Accounting examinations.

Four graduate students pursuing their master's degrees in special education — Rita-Rose Hualde, Rovee Ann Rios, Gilbert Mangosong, to provide a workshop session for staff and parents of the Palau Head Start program on the topic of early childhood special education.

"We are able to offer travel awards using mileage accrued from purchases made with the RCUOG official credit card in accordance with Public Law 32-019," said Cathleen Moore-Linn, interim executive director of RCUOG. "We used 325,000 miles to support this current group of students and are delighted to play a small part in supporting their academic endeavors."

RCUOG has awarded 10 travel awards since the begin-

and Ferdene Dela Cruz - received travel awards to Palau ning of the year. (PR)

Coast Guard, Maui Fire Rescue save 3 paddle boarders off Maui

HONOLULU—A Coast Guard Station Maui crew and Maui Fire and Rescue responders saved three paddle boarders in distress near Ukumehame Beach Park, Maui, Wednesday.

The Station Maui 45-foot Response Boat-Medium crew found the paddle boarders holding onto a single paddleboard and was able to bring them onto the boat before Jet Ski operators from Maui Fire and Rescue returned them to shore.

At approximately 2pm, Station Maui watchstanders received a report from a beachgoer who called 911 about three paddle boarders in distress 250-yards offshore.

The RB-M crew was launched to respond. An Air Station Barbers Point MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew was also diverted from nearby training to assist.

Once aboard, one paddle boarder was given medical assistance for a small cut on his foot before they were transferred to Maui Fire and Rescue Jet Ski operators who took them back to the beach.

your surroundings and limits."

The Coast Guard advises all waterway users to create a float plan and to notify someone of their intentions before

the rescue was 2 to 3-foot seas with 23 mph winds out of the

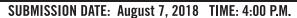
"Check the weather before you go out," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Austin Cooke, a Station Maui coxswain. "Be safe, know

they go out. All three of the paddle boarder's boards were also re-

The weather at the time of northeast. (PR)

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR





SINGLE AUDIT OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 and 2019"

THE AUDIT GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, LOCATED AT 1236 YAP DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS (MONDAY – FRIDAY, 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM, CLOSED ON HOLIDAYS).

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/S/ MICHELLE A. CAMACHO PROCUREMENT OFFICER



briel and Ferdene Dela Cruz)

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director

Moore-Linn, RCUOG interim executive director. (Not pictured: Travel Award recipients Melissa Ga-



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-18-019

Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to supply, install, integrate and commission (including without limitation all design, engineering, supervision, installation, testing, commissioning, training and handover) of (2) two complete new engine systems. Proposers must note that replacement of Engine No. 8 is the base proposal while the replacement of Engine No. 4 is an additive proposal. Each replacement Diesel Generating Plant shall be within a capacity range of 8 - 13 MW which must be supplied, installed, tested, and commissioned as an integrated system at CUC Power Plant No. 1. Lower Base, Sainan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

The solicitation seeks proposals from a legally recognized business entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which has as one or more of its equity owners (principals) a qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (DEM), from which CUC intends to contract with to purchase one, and perhaps two, fully installed and commissioned turn-key engine systems that best fit CUC's power supply requirements. The Proposer must be authorized as OEM's agent to bind OEM to contractual terms including issuance of OEM's warranty and certifying the installation of the works anticipated under this RFP meet OEM specifications, the Proposal, and meet or

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$500.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement &

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on July 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Power Plant facility will be conducted. elves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-18-019 - Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A Proposal Guarantee equal to fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposed price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility for any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due in whole or in part to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under any anticipated contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable

Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including without limitation any and all excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page

https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws

This RFP solicits services regulated by the Commonwealth's Board of Professional Licensing (BPL). All bidders shall possess Certificate of Authority from the BPL as contemplated in and required by NMIA ss 125-20.1-501 which provides in part that any corporation or partnership "Firm," whether organized under the Law of the CNMI or other jurisdiction, hereafter offering to engage or engaging in the practice of engineering, architecture, land surveying, or landscape architecture in the Commonwealth must have a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) issued by the Board. All firms must have a valid Certificate of Authorization before advertising to offer or offer professional engineering, architectural, land surveying, or landscape architectures in the CNMI. All bids submitted shall be accompanied by a certificate of authority in the name of

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 23, 2018 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Christopher Timmons, Assistant Attorney General, via email address christopher_timmons@cnmioag.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

> WILLIAM GILMORE Acting, Executive Director

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2018 Liberation Day Parade

PHOTOS By JON PEREZ



Command master chief Patrick Ortega was among the dignitaries that joined the 2018 Liberation Day Parade last Saturday along Reach Road



The CNMI Senior League bound for the 2018 World Series in Easley, South Carolina used the event to ask for support from the community.



The CNMI JROTC members march along the parade.



Liberation Day committee chair Joe Ayuyu Jr.



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres waves to the crowd.



Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang.



Lawrence Tubera, left, and his sister Erica Tubera were also part of the parade after returning triumphantly from the recent 2018 World Championships of Performing Arts.



A cyclist rides his bicycle with the CNMI and U.S. flags.



A slice of the crowd watching the Liberation Day parade.



TanHoldings employees dress up as King Neptune and his mermaids.



Members of the CNMI National Rugby Team



Derrick Cutting joins the parade with his off-road jeep.

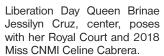


Jay Diyco, center, and Ed Genobaten join hundreds of spectators that braved the heat.



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Joeten-Kiyu Public Library director Erlinda Naputi, left, with her staff aboard their float.



ciation of Saipan perform tai chi.



Marianas Young Professionals vice president Nola Hix with her daughter Aliana Beth.



House vice speaker Janet U. Maratita (R-Saipan), left, and Rep. Alice S. Igitol (R-Saipan) wave to the crowd.



Department of Community and Cultural Affairs personnel pull a giant octopus to keep up with the parade's theme "Sea to Shining Sea."





James Kintol relishes the day with his great grandkids.

Business

BOH to build new branch building

HONOLULU, Hawaii— Bank of Hawaii announced plans to construct a new branch/office building to serve as its West Pacific regional headquarters. The new building, estimated to cost in excess of \$10 million, will be located at Chalan San Antonio between the Personal Finance Center and Shell Gas Station in Tamuning. This new branch and administrative office will be more centrally located, provide higher visibility and offer more customer convenience than the current facility on Soledad Avenue in Hagatna.

Bank of Hawaii is under contract to purchase the land with plans to complete due diligence within the next several months. The bank is listing its current branch building, which it has occupied for more than 30 years, for sale or lease with Today's Realty.

Bank of Hawaii chair, president, and CEO Peter Ho, said, "We are committed to the Guam market and excited about our significant investment to bring a new 'Branch of Tomorrow' concept to the Guam community. The new branch design, which was introduced in 2016, has been very popular among customers in Hawaii and allows us to better meet the needs of today's busy customers and



The new branch in Tamuning will follow BOH's "Branch of Tomorrow" design concept. The layout will be similar to the Pearlridge

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provide the type of expert fi- employees. The building nancial advice and planning will include energy-efficient people are seeking." >> Will serve

Mark Tokito, Bank of Hawaii senior vice president commercial

banking manager, said, "The new branch will have many new features and customer conveniences, including our easy-deposit ATMs, Wi-Fi and private meeting rooms. The open-floor concept allows representatives to provide a more personal experience to conduct everyday banking transactions, and all 56 employees will be transferring to the new location."

There will also be ample parking for customers and

features, such as multi-zone air-conditioning and light sensors to reduce overall energy con-

sumption. The branch will be equipped with its own generator in case of power outages, allowing it to resume operations as quickly as possible in order to continue serving customers. Construction is anticipated to be completed in 2020, pending necessary approvals.

Bank of Hawaii, which has 69 branches and nearly 400 ATMs system-wide, has been serving the Guam market since 1961. (PR)

Nation

Trump finds 'inconceivable' lawyer would tape a client

BRIDGEWATER. (AP)—Donald Trump said Saturday he finds it "inconceivable" that a lawyer would tape a client, as the president weighed in after the disclosure that in the weeks before the 2016 election, his then-personal attorney secretly recorded their discussion about a potential payment for a former Playboy model's account of having an affair with Trump.

The recording was part of a large collection of documents and electronic records seized earlier this year by federal authorities from Michael Cohen, the longtime Trump fixer.

In a tweet, Trump called such taping "totally unheard of & perhaps illegal." He also asserted, without elaborating, in post: "The good news is that your favorite President did nothing wrong!"

Cohen had made a practice of recording conversations, unbeknownst to those he was speaking with. Most states, including New York, allow for recordings of conversations with only the consent of one party; other states require all parties to agree to a recording or have mixed laws on the matter. It was not immediately clear where Trump and Cohen were located at the time of the call.

Cohen's recording adds to questions about whether Trump tried to quash damaging stories before the election. Trump's campaign had said it knew nothing about any payment to ex-centerfold Karen McDougal.

Transparency groups and Democrats have argued that the secret efforts to silence Trump accusers, including a payment to adult film actress Stormy Daniels, should be investigated by the Federal Election Commission as potential violations of campaign finance laws, which require disclosure of campaign expenditures. Trump's attorneys have argued that any payments to accusers would have been made regardless of his presidential candidacy, and that no violation occurred.

The recording could also further entangle the presi-

Inspector warned duck boat company of design flaws last year

dent in a criminal investigation that for months has targeted Cohen.

The erstwhile Trump loyalist has hired a new attorney, Clinton White House veteran Lanny Davis, and disassociated himself from the president as both remain under investigation. Cohen has not been charged with a crime.

Current Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani said the payment was never made and the brief recording shows Trump did nothing wrong.

"The transaction that Michael is talking about on the tape never took place, but what's important is: If it did take place, the president said it has to be done correctly and it has to be done by check" to keep a proper record of it, Giuliani said.

Davis said "any attempt at spin cannot change what is on the tape."

"When the recording is heard, it will not hurt Mr. Cohen," Davis said in a statement.

The recording was first reported Friday by The New York Times.

A.M. Best affirms credit ratings of CIC (Guam) Ltd

HONG KONG—A.M. Best has removed from under review with developing implications and affirmed the Financial Strength Rating of B++ (Good) and the Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating of "bbb+" of Century Insurance Company (Guam) Limited (CIC Guam) (Guam). The outlook assigned to these Credit Ratings (ratings) is stable.

The ratings reflect CIC Guam's balance sheet strength, which A.M. Best categorizes as strong, as well as its strong operating performance, limited business profile and appropriate enterprise risk management.

CIC Guam's capitalization level has consistently improved due to the company's favorable underwriting and investment performance in recent years. The company's consistent positive retained earnings are a reflection of its emphasis on prudent underwriting and efforts to improve its claims management, along with its diversified investment strategy and sound reinsurance program.

The exclusive managing general agent (MGA) agreelied on heavily for business ing strategy. In addition, CIC and distribution support since Guam's relatively high com-

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the agreement began in 2004 was terminated in October 2017. Subsequently, company has entered into multiple bro-

kers' agreements, of which one is with its former MGA and another with a newly established and affiliated broker in Guam. The company expects its former MGA to lead the premium contribution of its book of business in the future. In 2017 and in the first quarter of 2018, more than 90 percent of the company's premium income was sourced from its former MGA. Following the termination, CIC Guam also brought the underwriting function in-house and tightened its underwriting standards.

Offsetting rating factors include the competitive landscape in Guam, the company's heavy reliance on its former MGA for business generation and distribution and execution risk associated with its new

ment that CIC Guam had re- distribution and underwrit-

mon stock leverage adds volatility to its capital base through fluctuations in unrealized capital gains and losses. A.M. Best expects the company to con-

tinue to address and improve upon past issues of overdue premium collection and reserve adequacy.

While positive rating actions are unlikely in the near term, negative rating actions could occur if there is a substantial decline in the company's riskadjusted capitalization due to an adverse deviation in its underwriting or investment results from its business plan. A significant deterioration in its business profile or operating performance due to the change in its distribution strategy also could add negative rating pressure.

Ratings are communicated to rated entities prior to publication. Unless stated otherwise, the ratings were not amended subsequent to that communication. (PR)

A private inspector said Saturday that he warned the company operating duck boats on a Missouri lake about design flaws putting

the watercraft at greater risk of sinking, less than a vear before the accident that killed 17 people during a sudden storm.

Steve Paul, owner of the Test Drive Technologies inspection service in the St. Louis area, said he issued a written report for the company in August 2017. It explained why the boats' engines—and pumps that remove water from their hulls—might fail in inclement weather.

He also told The Associated Press that the tourist boats' canopies make them hard to escape when they sink—a concern raised by regulators after a similar sinking in Arkansas killed 13 people in 1999.

The accident Thursday evening on Table Rock Lake outside the tourist town of Branson also is raising questions about whether storm warnings in the area went unheeded and whether any agency can keep boaters off the water when inclement weather approaches.

"If you have the infor-

mation that you could have rough waters or a storm coming, why ever put a boat on that water?" Paul said.

A witness' video of the duck boat just before it capsized suggests that its flexible plastic windows might have been closed and could have trapped passengers as the hybrid boat-truck went down. It does not show passengers jumping clear.

"The biggest problem with a duck when it sinks is that canopy," Paul said. "That canopy becomes what I'll call a people catcher, and people can't get out from under that canopy."

A spokeswoman for Ripley Entertainment, the company operating the duck boats in Branson, did not respond Saturday to telephone and email messages seeking comment. Spokeswoman Suzanne Smagala has noted that Thursday's accident was the only one in more than 40 years of operation.

An archived version of Ripley's website said it operates 20 duck boats in Branson and described them as "built from the ground up under United States Coast Guard (USCG) supervision with the latest in marine safety."

In central Wisconsin, Original Wisconsin Ducks in the Dells has no plans to change how it operates after 73 years of safe rides, general manager Dan Gavinski said. But his company operates World War II-vintage boats, not the modified modern version.

Since 1999, duck boats have been linked to the deaths of more than 40 people, with a troubled safety record on the road and water alike. Their height can obscure cars, pedestrians or bicycles from a driver's view, and maintenance problems can be severe.

Paul said he won't know until the boat that sank is recovered from the lake whether it's one of the two dozen he inspected for Ripley Entertainment in August 2017.

The U.S. Coast Guard said the boat that sank was built in 1944 and had passed an inspection in February, The Kansas City Star reported . But Paul said the boat would have been heavily modified to make it longer so that only part of it dates to World War II. He said it would still have the design flaw he identified in his report.

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By MIKE CANDELARIA

igh-intensity interval training has become a big deal among workout enthusiasts, who like the short bursts of intense exercise alternated with longer periods of rest.

But some folks still prefer low intensity workouts-repetitive moderate motion for 30 to 45 minutes.

So which is better for you? "They both have their place," said Niki Davis, fitness manager at the 365,000-square-foot RDV Sportsplex Athletic Club in Maitland. "Decide for yourself that you're going to be someone who includes exercise in your life and just try to figure out what that is for you."

The difference between the two workouts, obviously, begins with intensity. Yet, as you look at your fitness—both how to get it and how to keep itthere is much more to consider.

Heart rate. Regimen. Recovery. Types of exercises. Fitness goals. Time available. Those are just a few of the key variables, local fitness experts say.

For starters, an easy calculation for maximum heart rate establishes target training zones, which then can determine your exercise regimen and needed recovery, said Ryan

Mowery, a personal trainer at 70,000-square-foot Fitness CF Orlando. To calculate, subtract your age-50, for examplefrom the number 220. That gives you a maximum heart rate of 170, approximately.

High-intensity exercises produce heart rates of 80 percent to 90 percent of your maximum in short intervals followed by time to recover, Mowery said. Think pushing a sled, running with weighs or sprinting.

"You're going to work as hard as you can," Mowery said, noting that 30 seconds of sprinting followed by a oneminute recovery could be repeated for a total of 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, low-intensity training targets 60 percent to 70 percent of your maximum heart rate, from sustained effort as opposed to short intervals, with the exercise typically in the form of walking, swimming, jogging or biking at a relatively slow pace.

If you can't monitor your heart rate precisely, consider that during a low-intensity workout, you'll still be able to hold a conversation — but not during strenuous high-intensity workout.

In the past several years, high-intensity workouts have gained popularity, thanks in part to CrossFit, said Tyler Farwell, a medical wellness manager at Florida Hospital. CrossFit involves every-

thing from dusty hill sprints and sandbag carries to ocean swims, and the type of training has been popularized by televised events such as the CrossFit Games on ESPN, Farwell said.

"People see it on TV. Also, a lot of people are busy and they ask, 'What can I do in 20 minutes that's going to give me the most bang for my buck?' Farwell said.

Among the leading benefits of high-intensity workouts are faster calorie burning as well as what's commonly called "afterburn"—resulting from exercise oxygen consumption.

"It's how much exercise you need to recover after the bout of exercise to return to steady state, or normal. When you do any type of high intensity interval training, the demand is so high on your body that you burn calories not only during exercise but for several hours to 48 hours following the exercise," Davis said.

In essence, the higher the intensity of a workout, the more calories and fat you will lose.

But low-intensity workouts are seemingly making a comeback of sorts. A January article in Livestrong, a diet/ nutrition/healthy lifestyle website created by the Livestrong Foundation, was titled "Why LISS (Low Intensity Steady-State) Cardio Is the New Feel-Good Workout."

The low-intensity workout has "been around forever," Farwell said, noting that through the years it has simply been labeled "road work," or walking and jogging.

Low-intensity exercise is especially appropriate for beginners and people with poor fitness levels because of its relatively comfortable pace, Farwell said: "It's a little easier to ease them in with steady-state cardio than it is to run them into the ground right away."

Also, that type of exercise can effectively build cardiovascular endurance, strengthening the heart muscle while keeping other muscles of the body moving.

"If I'm a runner and I want to run farther, I'm not going to run fast and far on the same day. This would be a great day for me to have a low intensity run, maybe a walk/run, so I can work on my distance versus my speed," Davis said.

Body recovery is another consideration, with varying intensities playing a role in creating the necessary balance. "You don't want a constant state of stress on your body. Maybe it's better to do two days of high-intensity and two days of steadystate," Mowery said.

Davis recommends a minimum of three workouts—something, anything—per week.

"Be willing to try new things," she said. "If you don't ever put yourself outside of your box, you might be missing out on something you really enjoy. Exercise isn't necessarily one size fits all."

Mowery agreed.

"If you do the same (workout) all the time, it's going to stop working eventually. Your body adapts to it. Do a little bit of everything. ... Keeping your exercise regimen different is how you're going to get those changes. And it keeps it interesting, keeps it fun."

The best program is the program that you'll follow over time.

"Find something you like to do, because if you don't like doing it, more than likely you're not going to do it," Farwell said.

That's what Barbara Elvey did. The Longwood resident, a member of the RDV Sportsplex Athletic Club since 2012, does low-intensity training by walking a mile in the pool four days a week. Elvey also takes Active class (a mixture of cardio, strength and flexibility) twice a week. And she ups the intensity with RDV's HIIT Zone class (using a heart-rate monitor) three times a week.

"I think it's the perfect balance," said Elvey. "I'm not going to get any younger, so I just have to keep doing it and I'll do it as long as I can. It keeps me healthy.

How to ...pick a workout buddy

By ALISON JOHNSON DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Finding an exercise partner to share your sweat can be a huge motivator. "You need somebody consistent-somebody you can trust to be there," says Kerri Krasnow, a certified athletic trainer in Newport News, Va. Her tips:

Look for someone on a similar exercise program. If you're both into weight training or riding stationary bikes, it shouldn't matter if you can't lift as many pounds or pedal as quickly as your partner. You can still spot and motivate each other.

A friendly competitor is good. ... Make a bet that whoever goes to the gym less often has to pay for a lunch date.

... but an aggressive one isn't. An ultra-competitive partner who pushes-or shames-you into a workout you're not ready for will increase your injury risk. You should be able to speak up if an exercise feels like too much. Type-A personalities also tend to do best together.

Pick someone you can look bad in front of. You're going to be sweaty, tired and likely stinky. An opposite-sex partner is fine unless you're worrying about how your hair looks.

Match schedules. Some people do better exercising in the morning and some at night, while others can only grab time on lunch breaks. Be honest upfront.

Go for a somewhat adventurous person. You don't want to jump on every exercise fad, but a buddy should be occasionally up for trying new routines.

Don't limit yourself to people you already know. Post a flyer at your gym, ask the front desk staff if they know of potential partners or approach someone you regularly see there. Friends, co-workers and neighbors also may have ideas.

Look beyond the gym. Walks with neighbors or co-workers are great exercise, too.

Asia

SEEKING TO PROTECT BOYS

Thailand wants control over films

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's military government, saying it is concerned filmmakers and media may take advantage of the young soccer boys who were rescued from a flooded cave, wants to control how movies portray their ordeal and heroic rescue.

Culture Minister Vira Rojpochanarat said he will propose at next week's Cabinet meeting that a special committee oversee the production of films, documentaries and videos related to the experiences of the 12 boys and their coach who were trapped in a cave for almost three weeks.

With the boys returning home, attention has turned to how the media are handling the post-rescue story. There has been criticism of several news outlets, mostly foreign, that are considered to have ignored official advice to leave the boys alone for at least a month to try to avoid psychological stress that recounting their ordeal might trigger.

Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-ngam said Friday he had instructed officials from the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security to make sure the young soccer players and those associated with them are not bothered while they are going through a period of mental rehabilitation.

He warned foreign media they may face prosecution even if they unintentionally violate child protection laws.

Wissanu, who is considered the top legal expert for Thailand's ruling junta, said that it is the boys' right to sign contracts for their own benefit, but added that the government committee would provide advice "like a manager," without seeking any profit for itself.



In this Wednesday, July 18, 2018, file photo, relatives of Duangpetch Promthep, one of the boys rescued from the flooded cave in northern Thailand, greet him as he arrives home in the Mae Sai district, Chiang Rai province, northern Thailand.

He said the government was "very afraid" that some of those close to the ordeal could be coerced to sign contracts "because once a contract is signed, that person can't do anything else, which is why someone with legal knowledge needs to step in and help.'

The rescue, carried out successfully against high odds, was a rare bit of feel-good news from Thailand, which has been mired in political conflict and heavy-handed military rule for more than a decade. Even as the world watched the cave saga, a boat sinking off a southern resort island claimed almost 50 Chinese tourists, an event that normally would have registered as a high-profile debacle.

The cave rescue also allowed the government of Prime Minister Prayuth Chanocha, who has been criticized for political maneuvering to stay in power after elections planned for next year, to share in some glory.

The government's Thailand Film Office already regulates the production of films shot in Thailand by foreign companies, including vetting scripts and issuing filming permits, but Vira said the committee would oversee content, licensing and the protection of privacy of the rescued team and their families.

Speaking after a film board meeting Thursday, Vira said that five foreign film production companies had shown interest in making a movie or documentary about the cave rescue and some had already been on location to collect information.

Thai film producers have also shown interest but have not yet contacted the government, Vira said.

The boys and coach of the Wild Boars soccer team were released from the hospital on Wednesday and at a news conference described how they got trapped in the cave, and after 10 days cut off from the outside world, were astonished to see two British divers rising from muddy waters and assuring them work was underway to rescue them.

Macau takes in 533 dogs after Asia's only race track shuts

BEIJING (AP)—Macau authorities took in more than 500 greyhounds abandoned following the closure Saturday of Asia's only legal dog-racing track.

The former Portuguese territory has been the only place in China where dog racing is legal. However, betting on dog races at Macau's Canidrome a tradition of more than 50 years—soured after animal rights groups accused the stadium of mistreating the dogs and euthanizing ones that underperformed on the track. It was ordered closed on Saturday.

Macau's government said the Canidrome faces legal measures under the Animal

Protection Act for failing to move the dogs from their shuttered premises. Authorities found on the company's property 533 greyhounds, including a dozen suffering from skin disease and other conditions, and are now making arrangements for their care.

ordered Macau Canidrome to move out of the downtown area last year amid urban redevelopment efforts.

The demise of the stadium, which saw massive crowds at its peak in the 1960s, comes as China seeks to cut Macau's dependence on the high-rollers who helped propel the city's transformation from a seedy

backwater into a global gambling powerhouse. The city is now shifting its focus toward middle-class Asian tourists.

The Canidrome is owned by Angela Leong, a billionaire Macau businesswoman.

Phone calls to the Canidrome rang unanswered Saturday afternoon.

Animal rights activists have expressed concern about the fate of the race dogs, most of which were bred in Australia. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, urged Macau to give custody of the greyhounds to local animal protection groups that will put them up for adoption.

World

US presses China and Russia to enforce sanctions on N. Korea

NATIONS (AP)—The United States on Friday welcomed the U.N. Security Council's united support for the fully verified denuclearization of North Korea and pressed China and Russia to strictly enforce U.N. sanctions to get Pyongyang to give up its nuclear weapons.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo accused North Korea of violating an array of tough sanctions imposed by the council. He warned that "when sanctions are not enforced, the prospects for the successful denuclearization of North Korea are diminished.'

Nonetheless, Pompeo told reporters after meeting behind closed doors with the 15 council members that President Donald Trump "remains upbeat about the prospects for denuclearization" following his historic summit in Singapore with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. "So do I, as progress is happening," he added without elaborating.

The Trump administration hopes that one day North Korea will be at the United Nations "not as a pariah but as a friend," Pompeo said. But "it will take full enforcement of sanctions for us to get

Hamas accepts cease-fire after massive Israeli Gaza strikes JERUSALEM (AP)—Gainto Israel.

za's militant Hamas rulers said Saturday they had accepted a cease-fire ending a massive Israeli onslaught on militant positions after a soldier was shot dead, once again pulling the sides back from the brink of a fullfledged war.

Israel and Hamas have fought three such wars over the past decade and Hamas agreed to the second such cease-fire in a week under heavy Egyptian and international pressure.

Even after last week's cease-fire ended the fiercest exchange of rocket fire and Israeli airstrikes since the 2014 war, incendiary kites and balloons continued to float from Gaza into Israel, setting off damaging fires to farmlands. Israel has stepped up strikes since then to signal its new threshold for engagement after months of largely refraining to act.

Israel says it has no interest is engaging in another war with Hamas, but says it will no longer tolerate the Gaza militant campaign of flying the incendiary devices there" as well as Kim following through "on his personal commitments" to Trump.

At the summit, Trump and Kim agreed to work toward denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, without describing when and how it would occur.

Follow-up talks this month between Pompeo and North Korean senior officials in Pyongyang had a rocky start, with North Korea accusing the United States of making "unilateral and gangsterlike" demands.

Pompeo stressed Friday that the 15 Security Council nations "are united on the need for final, fully verified denuclearization of North Korea."

Pyongyang for decades has been pushing a concept of "denuclearization" that bears no resemblance to the American definition, vowing to pursue nuclear development unless Washington removes its 28,500 troops from South Korea and the nuclear umbrella defending South Korea and Japan.

China, which is North Korea's closest ally and responsible for more than 90 percent of the isolated country's trade, backs North Korea's call for a "phased and

On Friday, a Palestinian sniper killed an Israeli soldier along the border—the first casualty it has sustained in four years—and Israel unleashed an offensive it says destroyed more than 60 Hamas targets, including three battalion headquarters. Four Palestinians were killed, of which three were Hamas militants.

"The attack delivered a severe blow to the Hamas' training array, command and control abilities, weaponry, aerial defense and logistic capabilities along with additional military infrastructure," the Israeli military said in a statement, adding that the strikes "will intensify as necessary."

Israel's top leadership convened late into the night Friday at military headquarters to discuss potential actions.

In a brief statement early Saturday, Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said the movement accepted the cease-fire brokered by Egyptian and United Nations officials and that calm had been restored. Later, the Israeli military announced a return synchronous" approach to denuclearization.

Last month, Beijing suggested the Security Council consider suspending or lifting sanctions on North Korea if it is in compliance with U.N. resolutions and making progress in negotiations. Russia said Friday it also backs this approach.

Russia's deputy U.N. ambassador, Dmitry Polyansky, said that Pompeo confirmed the U.S. "will seek the full denuclearization" of North

"It is necessary that the denuclearization go step by step with parallel actions by the international community," Polyansky said. "We are talking about easing sanctions pressure through the U.N. Security Council, as well as the removal of unilateral U.S. sanctions."

Some exemptions have already taken place.

This week, South Korea received exemptions from the Security Council committee monitoring North Korea sanctions for communications lines between the North and South and for some goods for the North including furniture, transport vehicles and a bus.

to civilian routine along the volatile border.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Saturday he was "gravely concerned" about the escalation and called on both sides to step back from the prospect of another devastating conflict.

"Any further escalation will endanger the lives of Palestinians and Israelis alike, deepen the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and undermine current efforts to improve livelihoods," he said.

The recent outburst of violence comes after months of near-weekly border protests organized by Hamas aimed in part at protesting the Israeli-Egyptian blockade of Gaza. Over 130 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire since the protests began on March 30.

Israel and Egypt have maintained a blockade on Gaza for over a decade in an attempt to weaken Hamas. The blockade has caused widespread economic hardship. Israel says the naval blockade is necessary to protect its citizens from weapons smuggling.

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Life & Style

Ryan Reynolds teases 'Deadpool 2' extended cut at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Ryan Reynolds has made a triumphant return to San Diego Comic-Con Saturday to promote the release of a "Deadpool 2" extended cut.

Speaking to a packed Hall H audience, Reynolds said that the first "Deadpool" was

made because of the people in the room.

The enthusiasm around footage shown at the comic book convention in 2014 convinced the studio to make it.

The second movie, Reynolds deadpanned, was made

because of "corporate greed and a splash of destiny." The two films have made over \$1.5 billion worldwide.

The "Deadpool 2: Super Duper Cut" features alternate jokes, extended and deleted scenes. Reynolds said that they shot so many alternate versions of every joke that they could basically release a different film.

Ryan Reynolds attends the "Deadpool 2" panel on day three of Comic-Con International on Saturday, July 21, 2018, in San Diego.



'Wonder Woman,' 'Aquaman' and 'Shazam! thrill Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Warner Bros. brought out all the stops Saturday at Comic-Con with an army of stars, surprises and new footage from films like "Aquaman," "SShazam!" and even "Wonder Woman 1984," which is only three and a half weeks into production. Jason Momoa, Gal Gadot, Chris Pratt, Johnny Depp and Nicole Kidman were just a few of the starry names to grace the stage of the comic book convention's Hall H.

Momoa, who stars as Aquaman, seemed to be as excited as those in the 6,500-seat audience, if not more so. The actor was downright giddy speaking about the film, which is over five years in the making.

"My heart is big and open," he said. "I'm really, really happy."

Director James Wan, best known for his "Conjuring" films, introduced some new footage in two trailers from the origin story, which hits theaters in December.

"I wanted to create a superhero film that we've never quite seen before. I wanted our film to be more unique," Wan said. "My movie plays



Gal Gadot attends the Warner Bros. Theatrical panel for "Wonder Woman 1984" on day three of Comic-Con International on Saturday, July 21, 2018, in San Diego.

more like a science fiction fantasy film than a tradition-

al superhero movie." Warner Bros.' was the mostanticipated Hall H presentation of the convention, which this year was absent of many of the big names that attendees have come to expect, like Marvel Studios, Lucasfilm ("Star Wars") and HBO's "Game of Thrones."

The studio also has continued to have to prove its mettle with its DC Comics universe, which has had its share of widely panned movies, like "Justice League." The focus Saturday thus was not on Batman or Superman, but the new, the fresh and the proven-quantities, like "Wonder Woman," which has been best-reviewed and most beloved of the new DC universe.

It's why, with 20 weeks of filming left to go, "Wonder Woman 1984" star Gadot and director Patty Jenkins took a break from their Washington D.C. shoot to tease brief footage from the highly anticipated follow-up to the ground-breaking superhero film.

The clip showed Diana Prince saving a young girl from some bad guys in their Miami Vice-finest in a very '80s-looking mall.

Chris Pine also joined

Gadot and Jenkins on stage, but all stayed mum about how and why his character Steve Trevor is back considering his fate in the first movie (and that he looks to be the same age as he was in 1917).

Jenkins said his presence is a "very important part" of the movie and that audiences will have to see it in November 2019 to find out.

She did explain why she set the movie in the 1980s.

"It was mankind at its best and worst," Jenkins said. "We

see Wonder Woman in a period of time that is us at our most extreme...We thought it could go on forever, everything we were doing right then."

Another audience-pleaser was "Shazam!" and Zachary Levi was on hand to introduce the first trailer for the DC superhero film, or "Big" with superpowers. The origin story shows how a bullied 14-year-old kid becomes the superhero (and a fully-grown man) after a fateful ride on the subway. It comes out in April.

An excited, energetic Taylor Swift brings tour to MetLife

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Taylor Swift brought her explosive Reputation Tour to the MetLife Stadium on Friday and will make history as the first female artist to play three consecutive shows at the venue when she performs Saturday

Swift was energetic and excited during her two-hour-plus show at the stadium, home to the New York Giants and the New York Jets.

and Sunday.

She kicked the show in a glittery black number, chang-

ing outfits multiple times and performing across three stages at the venue holding 80,000 seats.

She sang a number of songs from her recent album, "reputation," including the hits "Gorgeous," "Delicate," "...Ready for It?" and "Look What You Made Me Do," which featured a large snake in the background.

"There's so many things you could be doing on your Friday night, so thank you for hanging out with us," Swift said to the feverish audience.

Cause of family's separation is no business of co-workers

EAR ABBY: As a child, I suffered a lot of abuse from my parents until I finally, at 13, opened up to a teacher. I was removed from my house and spent the remainder of my youth in various foster homes. I never felt like I had a home or family until I was an adult and made my own.

I have cut all ties with my biological family, as I am happier and more sane without them. They have never shown remorse for their abuse, and I feel my children's safety would be jeopardized if I were to rekindle a relationship with them.

The problem is, co-workers and sometimes even strangers at my retail job ask me about my children's grandparents. When I explain that we have a "strained" relationship, they often tell me I need to get over it, learn to forgive or that I'll regret not mending things. Am I wrong for wanting to maintain a distance? How can I assert my position firmly without giving too much detail?

CUT OFF BY CHOICE IN KENTUCKY

DEAR CUT OFF: You are not obligated to give a detailed response to these individuals, who may only be trying to make conversation when they ask. All you need to say is that "the grandparents are not involved." There could be many reasons for it, but you don't have to share them. If you are questioned further say, "I'd rather not discuss it."

P.S. While forgiveness may work in some situations, when a family is so dysfunctional that the children must be removed from the home, those children are NOT obligated to forgive what was done to them!

DEAR ABBY: I married right out of high school, 20 years ago. We have two amazing kids in their late teens—a son in college and a daughter in her last year of high school.

I haven't been in love with my wife for a very long time. I have tried everything to bring those feelings back, including talking with her about it, but the feelings just aren't there anymore.

When I first realized I was no longer in love with her, I was going to file for divorce, but my kids were little. I didn't want to put them through that, so I pushed my happiness aside. Now the kids are doing great, I'm still miserable and I don't know what to do anymore.

Sometimes I feel I don't deserve to be happy, but doesn't my happiness count? Must I continue putting on a fake smile and pretending to be happy, or is it time for me to look out for my happiness?

MISERABLE IN MAINE

DEAR MISERABLE: Talk to your wife again about the fact that you haven't been happy for many years. Unless you

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

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are an Academy Award-winning actor, she probably won't be shocked. Delay separating until your daughter has left for college, and in the meantime, give marriage counseling a shot, even if you already have. If, after that, nothing has improved, try to keep the divorce as amicable as possible for the sake of everyone concerned. A divorce mediator may be able to help you through the process.

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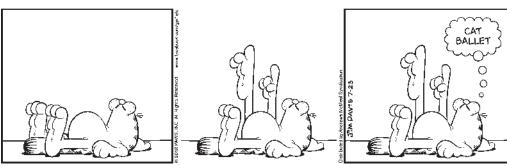
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Happy Birthday: Take a long, hard look at the past and present before you delve into the future. Size up what's happened and why; make adjustments that will help you move forward in a positive manner. Keep your finances straight, lower your debt and be moderate with your expenditures. Emotional spending or trying to buy love should be eradicated. Your numbers are 8, 14, 23, 27, 34, 41, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you want something, go get it. Don't wait for someone else to make the first move or to outmaneuver vou. Positive change is within reach if you are motivated and willing to take charge and make things happen. �����

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Refuse to let anyone push you into something you aren't ready to take on. Discipline and preparation will bring you far better results. Anger will only add fuel to the fire. Put your energy toward building a stable base to house your plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let passion lead the way. If you feel strongly about something, follow through. Set your sights on how best to achieve your goals without disrupting what you've worked so hard to acquire. Don't let emotions interfere with doing what's right. OOO

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't miss out on an opportunity because of what someone else does. Take hold of whatever situation you encounter and make it work for you.

In the end, you will be praised for your insight and fortitude. Romance is encouraged. ���

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Eliminate unnecessary spending. Put your money to work for you; set up a plan that will encourage you to live within your means. Associate with people who have something to offer instead of those who continually take from you. �����

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get out and explore. Listen and observe; you'll gather information that will help you ward off an emotional situation based on assumptions instead of facts. Knowledge is a powerful tool that can help eliminate problems before they erupt. **33**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be careful when dealing with institutions or government agencies. Take action when necessary, and speak on your own behalf. Protect your position and reputation by living up to your promises and responsibilities. Question the motives of

anyone trying to sell you something. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let experience be your guide. Don't feel the need to act in haste. Look at the big picture and settle for what makes the most sense. Keep your emotions out of the equation when important de-

cisions need to be made. ••• SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your energy into private gains.

Financial, physical and legal matters should be handled personally. Question what others do or say to sway you. Consider how best to deal with a friend, peer or relative developing poor habits.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. You've got what it takes to bring about the changes that will make your life better. An

old idea or proposal. A new beginning will stimulate you to make personal improvements. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Engage in discussions that can help bring about positive changes. Speak from the heart; your passionate way of sharing your

opportunity will arise if you take a fresh look at an

thoughts will win the support you need to enforce new ideas and plans for the future. Follow your heart. ���� PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An emotional situation will escalate if you are

misleading. You are better off not saying anything if it will put you in an awkward position should the truth be revealed. Do your own thing, and protect your reputation.

Birthday Baby: You are generous, passionate and productive. You are energetic and skillful.

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Carpenter homers in 6th straight, Cards top Cubs



(AP)—Matt Carpenter has a

garden in his backyard that was planted by teammate Adam Wainwright. The infielder is using the fresh ingredients to make his own salsa, and he brought some on St. Louis' road trip for the first time.

Apparently, it's one potent mixture.

Carpenter homered for the sixth consecutive game and Paul DeJong hit a tiebreaking double in the Cardinals' threerun ninth inning, helping St. Louis beat the Chicago Cubs 6-3 on Saturday for a split of their day-night doubleheader.

"It's really hard to put into words what is happening and what I feel like," Carpenter said. "I've felt like this before in the sense that I feel like I'm comfortable at the plate, I feel like I'm swinging at good pitches and my swing feels like it's where it needs to be. But obviously, I've never had a stretch like this. It's hard to put into words. I don't know why. Maybe it's the salsa."

Carpenter entered as a defensive replacement in the sixth and hit a solo drive in the seventh for his fifth homer in two days. He also had a solo shot in the opener after going 5 for 5 with three homers and seven RBI while playing just six innings in St. Louis' 18-5 victory Friday.

Yankees 7, Mets 6

In New York, Aroldis Chapman had flamed out, throwing three of 19 pitches for strikes and enabling the Mets to cut a four-run, ninth-inning deficit

Chasen Shreve to the rescue. Yes, Chasen Shreve.

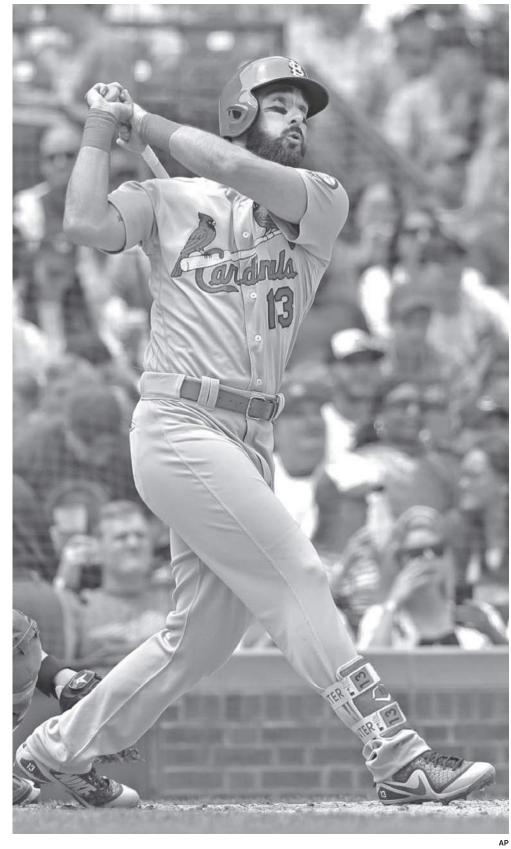
Maligned last month, Shreve entered with the bases loaded, got Devin Mesoraco to hit into a run-scoring, double-play grounder and retired Wilmer Flores on a slow roller in front of the mound.

With his second big league save and first since August 2016, Shreve preserved a 7-6 Subway Series victory Saturday that enabled Sonny Gray (7-7) to win consecutive starts for the first time since the Yankees acquired him last summer.

Brewers 4, Dodgers 2

In Milwaukee, Christian Yelich hit a tying homer off Clayton Kershaw in a threerun sixth inning, and Milwaukee snapped a seven-game losing streak with a win over Los Angeles.

Brewers reliever Josh Hader struck out four in two scoreless innings during his first appearance since Hader's racist and homophobic tweets surfaced during the All-Star Game. Hader, who has apolo-



St. Louis Cardinals' Matt Carpenter watches his home run off Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Tyler Chatwood during the third inning of a baseball game Saturday, July 21, 2018, in Chicago.

gized for the years-old social media messages, received an ovation from the crowd after he was introduced, with many fans at Miller Park standing.

Hader's work highlighted five shutout innings from the Milwaukee bullpen. With a runner on, closer Corey Knebel retired Dodgers newcomer Manny Machado for his 12th save.

Astros 7, Angels 0

In Anaheim, George Springer hit a grand slam while the Astros batted around in the sixth inning, and Justin Verlander ended his six-start winless streak with 11 strikeouts over six dominant innings in Houston's victory over Los Angeles.

Verlander (10-5) yielded five hits while getting ample support in his third win over

Los Angeles already this season. He has thrown 23 consecutive scoreless innings over his last three starts at Angel Stadium, including a five-hit shutout on May 16.

Four batters after Josh Reddick homered to lead off the sixth, Springer delivered his fifth career grand slam on a full count against reliever Noe Ramirez.

Tigers 5, Red Sox O

In Detroit, Jose Iglesias homered and drove in four runs, and Mike Fiers pitched impressively into the seventh inning to lead Detroit over Boston.

The major league-leading Red Sox lost for just the second time in 15 games, and their AL East lead over the New York Yankees slipped to 4+ games.

Fiers (7-6) worked his first

scoreless outing since his Tigers debut April 8, when he beat the Chicago White Sox 1-0 for Detroit's only other shutout this season. This time, he allowed seven hits and three walks in 6 1/3 innings, striking out six.

Blue Jays 4, Orioles 1

In Toronto, Marcus Stroman pitched seven sharp innings, Aledmys Diaz had two hits and Toronto beat struggling Baltimore for the sixth straight time.

Stroman (3-7) allowed one run and five hits. He threw a season-high 107 pitches, the first time this season he has topped 100. Stroman is 3-2 with a 3.03 ERA in five starts since returning from a shoulder injury that caused him to miss more than a month.

Seunghwan Oh worked the eighth and Ryan Tepera fin12 opportunities.

Marlins 3, Rays 2

In Petersburg, rookie Pablo Lopez gave up three hits in six innings, Cameron Maybin homered and Miami beat Tampa Bay.

Lopez (2-1) struck out six in his fourth major league start, helping the Marlins match their longest winning streak of the season at four games.

Maybin's third home run came in the seventh off Rays reliever Hunter Wood.

Martin Prado drove in the game's first run with a double in the fourth off Ryan Yarbrough (8-5) and scored on Miguel Rojas' ground ball.

Pirates 6, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Corey Dickerson hit two first-pitch home runs, rookie Nick Kingham overcame another Cincinnati rain delay to pitch six shutout innings and drive in two runs, and Pittsburgh beat the Reds for its season-high eighth straight win.

Dickerson homered on the first pitches he saw from Anthony DeSclafani (4-3) in the

ished for his seventh save in third and fifth innings for his seventh career multihomer game, helping the Pirates to their longest winning streak since an eight-game stretch Sept. 19-26, 2015.

> The game was delayed 47 minutes by rain in the middle of the fourth inning, one night after the start was held up 2 hours, 55 minutes.

Royals 4, Twins 2

In Kansas City, Salvador Perez homered, reliever Brian Flynn picked up the win with three scoreless innings and Kansas City beat Minnesota.

The Royals won back-toback games for the first time since May 29-30.

Perez belted his 14th homer with Mike Moustakas aboard in the first. Perez hit a 2-2 pitch from Lance Lynn (7-8) out to right, only his third opposite-field homer this season. Perez has driven in four in two games since the All-Star break.

Joe Mauer led off the game with his 415th double, breaking a tie with Kirby Puckett to move into first place on the Twins' career list. He scored on Eddie Rosario's single.

QBis biggest question for Chiefs



ST. JOSEPH, **Mo.** (AP)—It would be a bit disingenuous to say the fate of

the Kansas City Chiefs this season rests on the strong right arm of Patrick Mahomes II considering the second-year pro has started all of one NFL game.

Still, that's how most people view the Chiefs as they report to training camp.

Yet the reality is there are a number of question marks as the club packs its trucks and makes the hour-long drive north to Missouri Western State University.

Mahomes may be the biggest, but the way these questions sort out will ultimately determine whether a franchise that went to the playoffs four times in five years under quarterback Alex Smith can win a third straight AFC West title.

There are holes everywhere on defense. There is a new offensive coordinator and a few new assistant coaches. There is a leadership and experience void after the departure of longtime linebackers Tamba Hali and Derrick Johnson. And some crucial players are coming off major injuries.

In short, the Chiefs could be very good this season. Or they could be very bad.

Good luck trying to peg

where they end up.

"We have a lot of new faces and we welcome new faces," Chiefs coach Andy Reid conceded, "but they're learning and they've got great energy.'

As the Chiefs' rookies, quarterbacks and selected veterans report to camp on Sunday, here are some of the crucial story lines to watch throughout August and into September:

The team turns to the former Texas Tech star after Smith was traded to Washington this past offseason. The Chiefs traded up to select him 10th overall then gave him a redshirt season to learn the ropes, only to watch him dazzle in a Week 17 win at Denver when Smith and most of the starters got the weekend off.

The Chiefs have tried to help him out. They signed Sammy Watkins to pair with speedster Tyreek Hill in a potentially lethal wide receiver combo, and tight end Travis Kelce and running back Kareem Hunt give Kansas City perhaps the most talented skill position group in the league.

"Me and Patrick have a great bond. I feel like he is going to do great," said Hunt, the NFL rushing champion as a rookie last season. "He definitely already has a leader role and he is just able to go out there and make big plays. I am excited to see him get out there."

Woods creates buzz with 66 at British Open

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland (AP)—For 20 minutes on a warm Saturday afternoon at the British Open, Tiger Woods' name was back atop a leaderboard at a major championship and Carnoustie was buzzing.

Not much in golf compares with Woods on a charge. So when he rolled in a 40-foot birdie putt on No. 9, stiffed an approach inside two feet for birdie at No. 10, and nearly drove onto the green to set up a tap-in birdie at No. 11, there was a feeling something special was happening.

Then three holes later, Woods two-putted for birdie at No. 14 and there he was, right at the top of the giant yellow leaderboards dotted all around Carnoustie, tied for the lead with five players at 6 under.

"It would be ... better on Sunday," Woods said after his 5-under 66 to get back into the mix. "But I'm right there."

A bogey at the par-3 16th stalled the momentum, and Woods had to scramble for a par at the last after landing his drive on the bank of the Barry Burn and into the deep rough.

His 66 wasn't even the best of the day—Justin Rose shot 64, Jordan Spieth and Francesco Molinari 65s—but it likely was what fans were talking about when they left the course. It left Woods tied for sixth place on 5-under overall, four shots off the lead and in contention for his first major in 10 years.

"It's been a few years since I've felt like this," Woods said.

The sun was peeking out of the clouds and Woods was walking up the first fairway when one spectator, a beer in his hand, shouted: "Go on Tiger, we got your back."

It certainly felt that way when the deep gallery surrounding the first green roared their approval at Woods holing a 10-foot putt



Tiger Woods of the U.S. lines up a putt on the 13th green during the third round of the British Open Golf Championship in Carnoustie, Scotland, Saturday July 21, 2018.

for par, after he sent his approach left of the green.

It was one of the few times Woods was out of position all afternoon in a round where he hit driver six times, compared with three times in the second round and once on Thursday.

"You're the man, Tiger, everyone knows it," shouted another spectator flanking the fairway on the sixth hole. And Woods' playing partner sensed an aura around the 14-time major champion.

Woods was "back at the top of his game," said Shaun Morris, who got Woods to sign four new gloves after the round and planned to give them to his friends back home in South Africa.

The last time Woods led or held a share of the lead at the end of a round at a major

McIlroy loses ground with tough finish

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland (AP)—Rory McIlroy pledged to "go down swinging" in his bid to win a major for the first time in four years. He might have to swing for the fences after the way he finished Saturday at the British Open.

On a day of low scoring, McIlroy bogeyed two of his last three holes for a 1-under 70. Instead of being two shots behind, he was four back, certainly not out of it. And he wasn't about to change his strategy of being aggressive.

"Go out and hit a lot of drivers," McIlroy said. "I felt like today the course was perfectly set up to take advantage of it and attack it. Tried to do that for the most part. Maybe my wedge play wasn't quite as good as it should have been, but I gave myself plenty of chances."

McIlroy said he felt like he left some shots out on the course, and was disappointed at the way he finished. Still, he's won the Open before and believes he has a reasonable shot to do it again.

"I've got a bit of experience at this," he said. "Maybe more so than some of the other guys on the leader-board. But the leaderboard is packed with a lot of very, very good players."

McIlroy and other players

on the leaderboard are keeping an eye on the notoriously fickle Scottish weather going into the final round. The wind is expected to pick up some and if it shifts direction the scores could go a different direction than they did on Saturday.

The best thing, McIlroy said, is there are only five players in front of the group bunched four shots off the lead.

"Just need to get off to a fast start tomorrow," he said. "I'm obviously disappointed after the way I finished, but I'm still in the tournament. I'm only a few shots behind. The wind is supposed to pick up a little bit. So it will make things interesting."

was in 2012, at the U.S. PGA Championship. On Saturday, it happened during a round, and only briefly.

Ian Poulter, who missed the cut, tweeted a screen-grab of the leaderboard with Woods' name on top, and wrote: "I can't say I've ever been so excited for Tiger Woods before. If he can pull this off, it would be 'stuff dreams are made of."

Woods will be in the third-to-last pairing, with Francesco Molinari.

"It certainly is possible," Woods said. "I've shown that I've been there, close enough, with a chance to win this year. Given what happened the last few years, I didn't know if that would ever happen again, but here I am with a chance coming Sunday in a major championship. It's going to be fun."

Free agent Beasley agrees to deal with Lakers



Free-agent forward Michael Beasley has agreed to a oneyear deal with the Los Angeles Lakers, league sources said. Beasley, 29, had

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sion to the Lakers and Oklahoma City before finalizing a deal with the Lakers on Friday, league sources said.

Beasley had a strong campaign for the New York Knicks last season, averaging 13.2 points, 5.6 rebounds and 1.7 assists while playing 22.3 minutes per game in 74 appearances (30 starts). In his 10 NBA seasons, Beasley—the former No. 2 overall pick—has been an enigmatic yet talented scorer. He has played for

Miami, Minnesota, Phoenix, Houston, Milwaukee and New York. He was a teammate of LeBron James with the Heat during the 2013-14 season.

The Lakers have placed an emphasis on playmakers this offseason, signing Rajon Rondo and Lance Stephenson early in free agency along with James and JaVale McGee.

Beasley has averaged 12.7 points and 4.8 rebounds in 583 NBA games. He spent parts of two seasons (2014-16) in the Chinese Basketball Association, regaining his basketball standing and returning to the NBA.

In Phoenix, the Suns have acquired power forward Richaun Holmes from Philadelphia and forward Darrell Arthur from Brooklyn.

The Suns sent cash considerations to the 76ers on Friday for Holmes, and got Arthur from the Nets for forward Jared Dudley and a protected 2021 second-round pick.

Philadelphia made the Holmes deal to help clear salary cap space to sign 2017 second-round pick Jonah Bolden to a \$7 million, four-year contract. Holmes averaged 7.4 points and 4.2 rebounds in four seasons with the 76ers.

The Suns are expected to buy out Arthur's \$7.4 million contract to clear enough salary cap space for Holmes.

Arthur has played nine NBA seasons, the last five with Denver before being dealt to the Nets on July 13.

He has appeared in 503 games with Denver and the Memphis Grizzlies, averaging 6.5 points and 3.5 rebounds.

Dudley, an 11-year NBA veteran, spent the last two seasons with the Suns in his second stint with the team.

In Boston, the Celtics resigned guard Marcus Smart on Thursday, bringing him back for four more years after he found the market for a restricted free agent defensive specialist wasn't as lucrative as he'd hoped.

A person with knowledge of the agreement told The Associated Press that Smart will be paid \$52 million over the next four years. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the team did not disclose the terms of the contract.

The Celtics scheduled an availability with Smart after announcing the deal, then canceled it an hour later, saying he had flu-like symptoms and was being treated at a hospital with IV fluids.

Smart averaged 10.2 points, 4.8 assists and 3.5 rebounds per game this season. He returned from thumb surgery late in the first round of the playoffs and provided the defensive presence that was instrumental in the Celtics taking the Cleveland Cavaliers to seven games in the Eastern Conference finals.

LeBron James called Smart's creativity on the court "uncanny" during their matchup and coach Brad Stevens said Smart was "as tough as tough as they come," making hustle plays on offense being disruptive on defense.

He also has been a lockerroom favorite among his teammates for the past four seasons, bringing a needed edge and in-your-face style on the court.

Those intangibles aside, Smart entered the summer in limbo with Boston remaining mostly quiet as free agency began. The Celtics quickly agreed to a two-year, \$11 million deal with veteran big man Aron Baynes. The slow movement on Smart left open the possibility they might let him test the market and then decide whether to match any offers.

General manager Danny Ainge said immediately after the season that fears of a luxury tax bill wouldn't factor into the team's decision of whether to bring back players.

Tokyo 2020 official mascots unveiled at ceremony

TOKYO (AP)—The official mascots for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics were unveiled at a ceremony in downtown Tokyo on Sunday.

The mascot for the Olympics is named Miraitowa while the Paralympic mascot will be known as Someity.

Miraitowa is a combination of the Japanese words for future and eternity while Someity comes from a popular cherry blossom variety "Someiyoshino" and echoes the English phrase "so mighty."

The two mascot designs were selected by elementary schoolchildren across Japan.

The selection process involving schoolchildren was introduced to get students enthusiastic about the games while also ensuring transparency.

Organizers say the pair of futuristic characters combine tradition and innovation. The Tokyo Olympics are scheduled for July 24 to Aug. 9, 2020.

Meanwhile, Mariko Nagai walked outside Yoyogi National Stadium—the late-architect Kenzo Tange's masterpiece from Tokyo's 1964 Olympics—and pictured the city in that era.

She was a university student from northern Japan who landed a job as an interpreter



at the dazzling swimming venue, where American Don Schollander would win four gold medals.

"I wouldn't say Japanese people were confident about the ability to become one of the advanced nations," Nagai said. "But we wanted to show how much recovery we had made."

Tange's jewel, with a soaring roofline that still defines modern architecture, symbolized Japan's revival just 19 years after the ravages of World War II. A centerpiece in

'64, it will host handball in Tokyo's 2020 Olympics, a link between the now-and-then in the Japanese capital.

Tuesday will mark two years before the opening ceremony of the 2020 Games. A new National Stadium is rising on the site of the demolished one that

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hosted the opening in 1964. Tokyo organizers, though, chose to re-use several older buildings, partly to cut costs. They include the Nippon Budokan, the spiritual home of Japanese judo and other martial arts that became a well-known rock concert venue in the ensuing decades.

Tokyo 2020 Olympic mascot "Miraitowa", left, and Paralympic mascot "Someity", right, attend their debut event in Tokyo Sunday, July 22, 2018. The official mascots for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics were unveiled at a ceremony on Sunday.

For Nagai, the theme of recovery also links now and then. She grew up in Sendai, a city near was devastated by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami. The 9.0 quake

destroyed the house where she lived until she was 18. No one was living there at the time, but family treasures were lost or destroyed.

"Again, this is an opportunity to showcase to the world how much recovery we have made," she said.

Nagai still has her blue Olympic blazer, now faded and minus a breast-pocket patch that she removed after

the games -- and has since lost, possibly in the earthquake rubble. The embroidered emblem featured Japan's rising sun, the Olympic rings and "TOKYO 1964" etched across the bottom.

Few foreigners walked Tokyo's streets back then, unlike in today's tourism boom.

> Japan had 29 million foreign visitors last year and expects 40 million in 2020.

"A lot of ordinary peothe northeast coast that Tokyo 2020 ple who were not used to seeing foreigners felt extraordinary that they could be surrounded by

so many non-Japanese," Nagai said. "It was something very extraordinary, very special."

She was an exception more than 50 years ago, having picked up English as a high-school exchange student in Dallas.

"In 1964, you could say almost nobody was able to speak English," she said. "So the organizing committee had a very hard time recruiting interpreters."

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(4:20.90). Chuuk (4:33.88) and Palau (4:46.49) were the other entries in the 4x400m relay event.

In the men's 1,500m run, Tinian's Tyler Santos made it to the podium after clocking 4:39.48. Guam's Joshua Bustre (4:28.03) ruled the event, while Palau's Cristia Etpison Nico-

Gross foiled a Palau sweep when he placed third after recording 46.09m and beating seven other athletes. Dougwin Franz and Iverson August took the gold and silver for Palau after posting 50.32m and 47.74m, respectively. Tony Ichiuo finished seventh with his 39.91m.

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be pinning its hopes on Ji Min Woo, Seung Jin Paik, Coume Kaga, and Hyejin Elliot, while the U12 squad has Anthony Gregoire and David Kwon as members.

Schorr, Lee, Conatsu, and Woo have been in Fiji for more than month, working out at the regional training facility there, while Race left Saipan with other members of the team last Friday and arrived in Fiji last Saturday. Coume came all the way from Japan.

Coume's sister, Conatsu, will duel No. 4 seed and Tahiti's Lea Lamorelle in her first game in pool play (Group D) on Court 1 at Nadove Park.

On Court 2, the No. 4 seed Song will take on another Tahiti player in Mohearii Polin in Group D, while the former's three teammates will see action on Court 3. Elliot will face the Solomon Island's Prudence Bird, Lee will take on Vanuatu's Warea Tigona, and Maria Gregore will also meet another

Vanuatu bet in Desiree Signo.

On Court 5, Ryu will square of with No. 2 and Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy, while Malika Miyawaki will have her first game against Samoa's Luisa Tuasi'l.

In the U12 division (team event format), Anthony Gregoire and Kwon will be tested by Fiji's squad.

Schorr, the No. 2 seed in the boys U16 singles, won't be playing until tomorrow. He is in Group C with Tahiti's Phillip Warren and the Solomon Islands' Junior Micky. Woo and Paik will also have their first match on Thursday with the former in Group B with the Federated State of Micronesia's Deavyn Etscheit, the Solomon Islands' Lachian Guba, and Tahiti's Ariitea Cotti-Helme and the latter in Group D with Tahiti's Meheannu Larson, Samoa's Raphael Tapusoa, FSM's Jones George, and New Caledonia's Tiaga Lopes.

lescu (4:35.50) got the silver. In the javelin throw, Nick

medal in the longest race in the open water swim after clocking in at 1:14:29, while Kento settled for the silver as the CNMI swimmer recorded 1:14:41. Maido secured the bronze after posting 1:16:12. Siblings Jinnosuke and Lennosuke were ranked fourth and fifth after registering 1:18:38 and 1:20:53, respectively, and were followed by

posting 1:28:04. In the women's division, Gauran notched silver medals both in the 2.5K and 5K events.

Tenorio (1:21:01) and Deleon

Guerrero (1:21:09). Batal-

lones finished at No. 11 after

The CNMI swimmer completed the 2.5K race in 41:32 to place behind Palau Olympian Chilton Osisang (39:05) and beat Pohnpei's Kestra Kihleng (43:42). Palau's Roylin Akiwo (49:06), and the Marshall Islands' Kayla Hepla (50:18) rounded out the finishers in last Saturday's race.

Last Friday in the 5K event, Gauran timed in at 1:29:51 for her first medal. Osisang clinched the gold after checking in at 1:25:24, while Akiwo gave Palau another podium finish with her 1:31:54. Kihleng missed the bronze after posting 1:34:36.

With Gauran and Kento contributing four medals to the CNMI's campaign, the Commonwealth finished Week 1 of the Micro Games with a 3-9-7 gold-silver-bronze haul for sixth place in the medal tally. Guam is still on top with its 26-12-12, followed by Palau (24-9-11) and Pohnpei (10-20-13).

Meanwhile, the ocean swim



The CNMI's Dean Blake, center, blocks a shot from a Guam player during a preliminary game in the basketball competition in the 9th an Games in Yan last week

competition will conclude today with the staging of the relay event.

Sweep for CNMI in baseball

The Commonwealth was undefeated in the elimination round after a 10-5 victory over Yap last Friday.

The CNMI National Baseball Team will enter today's semifinal game with a 4-0 record. The Patrick Tenorio Sr.-managed squad will duel

Kosrae at 4pm for the first finals slot.

Kosrae took the No. 2 seed, going into the playoffs after pulling off a 10-2 upset over Palau. Kosrae finished the elims with a 3-1 mark, while Palau had an even 2-2 record and must win against Pohnpei (1-3) in the first game today at 1pm to keep its medal hopes alive. The winner of the Pohnpei-Palau tiff will face the loser of the CNMI-Kosrae match tomorrow for the second and last finals ticket. The playoff round was supposed to start last Saturday, but matches were moved today due to rain.

V-ball squad searches for elusive win

The CNMI men's volleyball team returns to action today when it takes on Chuuk in the 5pm game.

The Commonwealth spikers are hoping to make it to the win column to remain in contention. They dropped their first three matches, losing to Kiribati in their debut match last Thursday, 10-25, 15-25, 17-25. Yap and Palau also defeated the CNMI, 25-16, 23-25, 25-17, 25-19 and 25-14, 25-23, 25-12.

With its 0-3 record, the CNMI is at the bottom of the team standings. Guam, as of press time last night, leads the field with its 3-0 card, followed by Chuuk (2-1), Kiribati (2-1), Pohnpei (2-1), Yap (1-3), and Palau (1-2). Only the Top 4 teams after the round-robin play will advance to the medal round.

Men's basketball team makes playoffs

The men's basketball squad moved into the playoff round after beating Yap last Friday, 82-69.

However, the Elias Rangamar-coached crew missed a semis berth when it was defeated by the Marshall Islands in the quarterfinals last Saturday, 97-81. Palau, Guam, and Pohnpei were the other Final Four qualifiers.

In the women's division, the CNMI finished fifth after downing Yap in the consolation match, 69-44.

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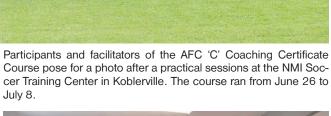
Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Michiteru Mita explains some pointers to participants of the course.



Marilou Arriola, center, is all smiles after getting her certificate of attendance



AFC instructor and former NMIFA technical director Kiyoshi Sekiguchi congratulates participants of the course.

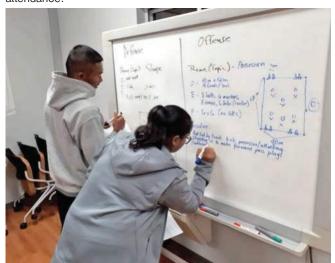




Gabriel Arkoh, left, and Gene Weaver participate in a group discussion during a classroom session of the coaching course certificate.



Jehn Joyner, center, poses with course instructor and former CNMI national team head coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi, left, and NMIFA executive director Ruselle Zapanta after receiving his certificate of attendance



Bo Barry, left, and Marilou Arriola list down pointers on defense and offense, respectively, during a classroom session of the coaching course.



NMIFA Executive Committee member and AFC 'C' certified coach Patricia Coleman listens to Gene Weaver, seated front row left.



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Akimaru, Gauran deliver medals

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wimmers Kento Akimaru and Sophia Gauran gave the CNMI four more medals, as open water swim competition in the 9th Micronesian Games started last Friday at the Yap Marina.

Akimaru bagged a gold medal last Saturday after nosing out rival Noel Keane of Palau in a close race in the men's 2.5-kilometer swim. Akimaru completed the event in 35:45.1 against the 35:45.4 of Keane. Palau's Jericho Maido got the bronze after beating the CNMI's Jinnosuke Suzuki as the former registered 35:57.1 versus the latter's 36:05.1. Juhn Tenorio (39:09),



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The CNMI Swimming Team members pose for a photo after racing in the 2.5-kilometer swim event in the 9th Micronesian Games last Friday in Yap.

Lennosuke Suzuki (39:53), Anthony Camacho-Deleon the other Commonwealth swimmers



Boyer (49:44) were

Guerrero (40:50), Nelson who competed against Palau, Batallones (42:27), Taiyo the Marshall Islands, Yap, and Akimaru (43:34), and David Pohnpei bets in the 2.5K race.

Kento's victory last Saturday avenged his loss to Keane in the 5K event last Friday. Keane handed Palau the gold

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Strong finish for athletics team



HIROYUKI MORI

The CNMI's Nick Gross competes in the javelin throw event in the 9th Micronesian Games last Thursday in Yap.

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The CNMI Athletics Team went all out at the track last Thursday, winning seven medals—its best output in a single day.

On top of Zarinae Sapong's

gold medal in the 200m run, the squad also hauled three silver medals and three bronzes, bringing the group's total to two golds, five silvers, and six bronzes.

Eleina Santos got a silver medal in the women's 1,500m run after finishing the race in 5:26.49. Guam's Genina Georgette Criss took the gold medal after recording 5:01.85, while her compatriot Madison Packbier earned the bronze with a time of 5:33.28.

In the women's 100m hurdles, Rachael Abrams, who gave the CNMI its first gold medal after ruling the high jump last week, won a silver after logging 17.77 seconds and beating Palau's Aubrey Ngirangesill (18.84 seconds) and the Marshall Islands' Rosemaline Watley (19.02). Guam's Richelle Tugade notched the gold after checking in at 16.72 seconds.

The CNMI's third silver medal in the last day of the athletics competition came from Douglas Schmidt in the men's triple jump. Schmidt registered 12.47m to prevail against six athletes (from Palau, Pohnpei, Guam, and Nauru). Kiribati's Biira Brurennaira got the gold with his 12.83m, while Nauru's Jonah Harris (12.09) completed the podium finish.

Meanwhile, the Commonwealth's three bronze medals on Day 4 of the athletics contest were courtesy of Tyler Santos, Nick Gross, and the women's 4x400m relay team.

The quartet of Sapong, Santos, Jerlyn Castillo, and Therize Millare timed in at 4:24.43 to place third behind Guam (4:19.18) and Pohnpei

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Jr. tennis squad starts title defense today

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CNMI The Junior Tennis Team will begin its bid for an

unprecedented Nations Cup three-peat when it plays in the 2018 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji today.

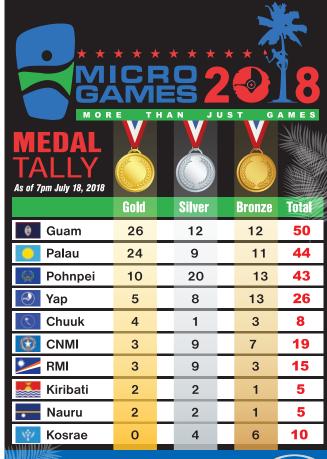
The Jeff Racesquad will have 13 players competing in the U12, U14, and U16 singles and doubles events against 16 other member-nations in the Oceania Tennis Federation. The winner of the Nations Cup will be determined by how players from each nation finish in both the singles and doubles competitions.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Maria Gregoire is in Fiji to compete for the CNMI Junior Tennis Team in the 2018 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, Sean Lee, and Sam Ryu will be the CNMI's bets in the boys U16 age group, while Malika Miyawaki, Conatsu Kaga, and Maria Gregoire will be suiting up for the women's team. In the U14, the Commonwealth will

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